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Fewer fires help troops to minimize strike effects

Fewer fires than usual were reported by the public yesterday, the first day of Britain's first national strike by firemen. Support for the action among the 43,000 members of the Fire Brigades Union was almost complete, but a reduction in the number of fires helped the

10,000 specially trained fire-fighters from the Armed Forces to cope. Talks aimed at resolving the dispute were adjourned after two hours, but they will be resumed today. An - emergency debate on the strike will be held in the Commons today.

Talks stalled: Debate in the Commons today

By Martin Huckerby

Britain yesterday survived without serious incident its first day in modern history without a proper fire service. Last night the temporary firemen from the Armed Forces appeared to be coping successfully. Fewer fires than usual were reported by the public. Support for the strike among the 43,000 members of the Fire Brigades Union was almost complete. Only in a few rural areas did enough men remain at work to add appreciably to the cover provided by parrime firemen and by the 10,000 specially trained Servicemen.

There was no sign of any swift end to the dispute: talks between the union and local authority representatives were adjourned after two hours, and little progress appeared to have been made. Later today there will be a three-hour emergency dehate in the Commons about the strike.

So far the worst fears about the possible effects of the strike have not been realized. No deaths were reported. The worst injury during the day was to

deaths were reported. The worst injury during the day was to a woman aged 84, who was badly burnt in a fire near Chesterfield.

There was a big fire at a large scrupyard at Brownhills, Staf-fordshire, where eight army fire

fordshire, where eight army fire crews were in action. But in no case was an outbreak beyond the control of the Servicemen and the fairly limited equipment at their disposal.

The 700 Civil Defence appliances known as "Green Goddesses" are lacking in long ladders, and the dangers that that might present in tower blocks was illustrated in a fire in a fifth-floor flat in Eirmingham. Hoses roped to gether had to be hoisted up to reach the fire. Two members of 29 Commando Regiment were given oxygen after being

29 Commando Regiment were given oxygen after being affected by smoke.

Another big fire was in a furniture store in the centre of Leicester. Army firefighters with three Green Goddeses rook more than an hour and a half to control the fire. Damage estimated at £100,000 was caused, but the police praised the troops for doing "a fantastic job."

The Servicemen were helped by an apparent reduction in the usual number of fires, although many hoax talls were reported. have been urging people to take precautions at home and Cooperative action by work. Cooperative action by nelabours, such as a bucket chain formed to put out a fire at Elland, near Halifax, has helped in handling smaller

Policemen, who have been checking alarm calls before the checking alarm caus before the Servicemen are called out, have often been able to quell small fires with extinguishers from their patrol cars.

The Fire Brigades Union said yesterday that about 98 per center of the member of the said that about 98 per center of the member of the said that about 98 per center of the member of the said that about 98 per center of the said that the

of its members were on strike. In a few counties, such as Hampshire and Sussex, many stayed at work, and in one or two areas, such as Cornwall, the many part-timers were able to provide almost full cover.

There were some cases of threats against firemen who crossed picket lines and threats from the public against those who had gone on strike. nowever, Mr Gordon Newton.

Sistant general secretary of the Retained Firemen's Union, which represents the content of the Retained Firemen's Union, which represents the content of the c which represents partitime fire-men, complained angrily about "saboteurs" who had tampered

with their appliances. In many cases firemen took keys from appliances and locked -tation doors as they walked out to prevent anyone from



A soldier receiving oxygen after being overcome by smoke at a Birmingham fire yesterday.

take are blazes and did not take part in the work.

Among the high-risk fire areas, Glasgow escaped fairly lightly. Troops successfully tackled a fire in a paper factory and authorities in Strathclyde reported fewer outbreaks than.

The dispute was not without its lighter side: At Abingdon firemen on the picket line interrupted their strike to save the public house opposite their

A warning of the grimmer aspects of the strike came in Edinburgh from Mr Ewing, Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, who said that buildings might have to be left to burn out if lives were not in danger,

When asked what the union would do if anyone died in a fire, a Fire Brigades Union official said: "If we lose a couple of people it does not mean that if the fire service had been working at full order they would still not have died." ized during daylight hours yesterday. But avening rush-hour traffic in east Belfast was diverted as army experts inspected a suspected bomb. Earlier two incendiary devices had been planted, both in provin-

using them. There were also cial towns, but neither crossed trisis, will be resumed today. The rudiments of a formula senior officers to fires to ensure that the senior men only appear before Birmingham tion in the pay league may be advised the troops on how to negistrates today charged with available for joint talks to arson after a fire at a city morrow. arson after a fire at a city tower block which started just before the strike (the Press Association reports).

Thirty people were led to safety end four, including a

pregnant woman and a man who suffered a heart attack, were

The fire, at the 16-storey Medway Tower in Cromwell Street, Nechells, was pur out by firenen using breathing appearance. ratus.
All 21 members of the Pire

All 21 members of the Fire Brigades Union at the part-time station at Teignmouth, Devon, resigned from the union Members of the Confederation of Health Service Employees have been advised not to tackle big hospital fires during the strike.

Mr Albert Spanswick, the mion's general secretary, said:
"Cohse members should give priority to evacuating patients and should attempt to deal only with the kind of misor fives which the kind of misor fives which they would deal with in normal circumstances.

Our Labour Editor writes:
Discussions in quest of a longterm solution to firemen's pay
grievances were adjourned after two hours on the first day of the men's official strike yes-

terday. The talks, between leaders of the Fire Brigades Union and the local authority employers, which are regarded by mini-sters as the only politically acceptable way out of the

The question remaining is whether the union executive, meering on Thursday, will regard the outcome of the talks as sufficient to recall the firemen's delegate conference, which alone can call off the

The employers were not optimistic after talks with Mr Terence Parry, general secre-tary of the FBU. But a spokesman of the local authorities said: "I am not going to say there will be a magic solution on Wednesday. But this is the basis for a settlement, taking into account a reduction of the working week and settling the firemen's true position in the wages structure

The TUC has shown no sign of intervening in an official dispute that breaks no congress policy.

Mr Parry has kept Mr Len Murray, general secretary, in-formed, and yesterday Mr Murray cancelled his departure to Algeria, but he may leave

today.

The firemen's strike puts the TUC in an acute political dilemma; support of the stoppage would be construed as opposition to Government's incomes policy, which would encourage other groups of workers to "try it on".

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Mr Michael Edwardes, British Leyland's new executive chairman, is expected to announce tomorrow organizational and management changes that will include the

Leyland reorganize

battle on devolution reappear By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

As the expected marathon on As the expected marathon on the devolution Bills for Scotland and Wales opened in the Commons yesterday with the second reading of the Scotland Bill, there were few signs of any change from the old battle lines established in the same

sill, there were tew signs or any change from the old battle lines established in the same cause during the previous session of Parhament.

The Conservative proposal to reject the Scotland Bill and set up a constitutional conference was defeated by 313 votes to 265—, Government majority 48.

A few minutes after Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, had risen to proclaim that the Bill (to be swiftly followed today by its sister measure, the Wales Bill) represented a "major constitutional change", the Government could have been under no illusion about the troubled waters into which it was sailing.

Already on the order paper was an amendment from that unswerving opponent of devolution Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool, demanding a referendum for Shetland. That was not accepted by the Speaker, but Mr Abse will return with his proposal during later stages of the Bill.

From the Conservative benches opposition to devolution seemed to have consolidated behind the call from Mr Francis Pym, leading for his party, that all ideas for separate assemblies should be scrapped until there had been a constitutional conference.

Nor could the Government gain much comfort from its own benches. As with the ill fated Scotland and Wales Bill of the previous session, there were so many divergent views and so

previous session, there were so many divergent views and so many ramifications that no one, with the possible exception of the Secretary of State and Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the House could have been deceated.

House, could have been detected as giving wholehearted support.
As Mr Alfred Evans, Labour MP for Caerphilly, pointed out, Mr Millan showen the same enthusiasm for the Scotland and Wales Bill, yet the Government now admitted that it had had

now admitted that it had had many faults.

From all sides Mr Millan found himself besieged. Mr Abse, Mr George Cunningham, Mr Eric Heffer and Mr John Mendelson thundered anathemas from the Labour benches.

Mr Millan staggered on, asserting that the four guiding principles behind the measure remained secrosance: respect for the diversity and distinctive traditions of Soothand and Wales, conservation of the economic and political union of the United Kingdom, the continuing and unimpaired sovereignty of Parliament and fairness to the whole of the United

But while Mr Millan con-tended that the issue had been before the country for at least 50 years, Mr Pyn. maintained SU years, Mr rym maintained that the question of devolution had been badly thought out and that no single view had geined majority support.

Mr Millan said Parliament was being presented with an historic opportunity to make a constitutional advance that it could not affind in her skin. The

could not afford to let slip. The proposed reform would streng-then the unity of the United Kingdom; failure to reach a decision could weaken that unity. Psychological warfare, page 4 Parliamentary report, page 10 When energy runs out, page 21

Old lines of | Britain's third monthly | Less spent trade surplus gives best figures since 1971

By Melvyn Westlake
Britain achieved its third consecutive monthly trade surplus during October and had the best performance on the overseas trade accounts in any

A variety of special factors actually caused a drop in the visible surplus last month, to £31m, from the September level of £80m. But, the addition of the usual surplus on invisibles trade in services, profits from abroad and some government transactions—means that the country was in the black on the overall current account to the sum of £206m last month, spainst £255m in September.

Taking the first 10 months of 1977, Britain has exactly broken and current account, and 1977, Britain has exactly broken even on current account, and seems certain to end up this year in surplus. It will be the first year since 1972, during the early stages of the last economic boom, that the country has enjoyed a surplus on its current account.

Unless there is a sudden and reserved deservation in the

mexpected deterioration in the trade accounts during November and December, the surplus for 1977—seems likely to be close to the Treasury forecast of about £250m.

This would be a big improve-ment on recent years. The

CBI split

over pay

reform plan

The proposal for a body to

decide what the nation could afford drew strong protests from several speakers, who protested that it would deteriorate

into yet another system of pay

in 1976 was £1,405m, which was itself an improvement from the £3,565m deficit during 1974 in the wake of the quintupling of world oil prices.

However, the underlying trends for exports and imports are not as comforting as the overall figures suggest. In par-ticular, imports remain stubbornly high, given the depressed

Government economists were last year attempting to explain the high level of imports as pre-emptive stockbuilding, prompted by fears of import controls. But it is becoming harder to resist the conclusion that import propensities have risen sharply.

Indeed, imports are now officially expected to rise by about 11 per cent between the second half of 1977 and the second half of 1978, with much of this increase stemming of this increase stemming directly from the boost delivered to the economy by Mr Healey, the Chancellor, at the end of last month.

By contrast, exports are ex-pected to increase by only about 6 per cent over the same This means that Britain's

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Callaghan call for **EEC** changes

By George Clark Political Correspondent It is a pretence and a dis-service to the European Econo-

mic Community to suggest that all is going well, Mr Callaghan, the Prime Minister, told poli-ticians and businessmen last night at the Lord Mayor's He agreed that all the mem

Brighton
Industrial leaders are to press for a complete reform of the pay bargaining system. Mr John Mothven, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, received a mandate from delegates to the CBI's first national conference, at Brighton, yesterday to seek talks with the Government and the TUC simed at reaching early agreement on the shape the new system would take.

But delegates, who had throughout the day been backing resolutions with near unanimous approval, were clearly ber states were more fully aware of the extent to which developed industrial societies shared common problems and understood that policies should beharmonized as far as possible to solve them.

to solve them.

Summing up the present position, Mr Callaghan said: "We will not try to change the concept of a common system; but we do wish to change those features which produce uneconomic and unwanted surpluses mous approval, were clearly spilt over pay bargaining and the majority in favour of the motion was much smaller than the CBI leadership must have

hoped for.

That means that the confederation will have to take the issue back to its grand council and probably rewrite sections of its own proposeds to at great cost...
"Our task, as committed members of the EEC, is to contribute to the means of resolving them in a manner which takes full account of our differences but is also forward-look. take into account the vocifer-ously expressed fears of many of the speakers. ences but is also forward-look

ing and constructive.

In this spirit, we do not believe that the Community can The system the CBI leadership was proposing would
involve setting up machinery to
decide what the nation can
afford to pay itself, accompanied by a much shorter pay
round, probably linked closely
to the Budget, and an attempt
to get closer synchronization
of pay settlements. develop into a federation. Our riew is that Europe will make most progress if the rights of national governments and parliaments are upheld.

In spite of his reservations,
Mr Callaghan said, Britain was
committed to working for a successful and cohesive Community. "The future of the Commnity is an emotive subject and to utter anything other than the conventional wisdom is regarded by some people as being as bad as shouting in thurch.
"But is is a disservice to the

Mr George Cattell, director-general of the National Farm-ers' Union, said that "what the nation can afford "would soon Continued on page 4, col 4

Community, to pretend that things are what they obviously Full report, page 6 put".

on food despite much advertising

The amount of food eaten at home by Eritish families is falling despite lavish advertising by some of the largest com-panies. The National Food Survey showed yesterday that the amount of family spending devoted to food had decreased since 1970 and that the weight eaten of many traditional foods had dropped sharply.

The trend was so marked that the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food stated that individual consumption of bread was lower than ever before. The country is still very far

from starvation, however. People in the United Kingdom still tend to be too fat. The tendency to eat less has been masked since 1970 by furious debate about health in the dier and the virtues of fresh and organic as opposed to processed. and the virtues of fresh and organic as oposed to processed and technological foods.

The survey, drawn from 7,000 households, shows that while there has been greater consumption of supposedly healthier

foods the increase has been very small and confined mainly to wealthier families. Despite frequent criticisms of the large wrapped loaf, it provides 52 of every 100 slices of bread eaten in this country, while brown bread accounts for about 12. The survey shows that the The survey shows that the domestic freezer is by far the most important instrument for

change in the diet of the 1970s. Its use by more than a quarter of British families belos to

account for a large increase in sales of frozen foods.

The number of children in a family was found greatly to affect the quality of its dier, irrespective of its income.

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Tax officers withdraw rebate threat By Christopher Thomas

Labour Reporter

Tax officers last night withdrew a threat not to bandle tax rebates resulting from the Chancellor's latest measures. Nearly all taxpayers should therefore get the money in time for Christmas.

After a meeting of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation's national executive Mr Anthony Christopher, the general secretary, said it would have been wrong to stand in the way of the Chancellor's measures. The decision would be reviewed in January. But the union, which has

been seeking extra money "Budget farigue", will overtime and put emphasis on accuracy rather than out-

Lufthansa on terror alert

Frankfurt, Nov 14.—On the angry residents as Lufthansa eve of a purported terrorist jets approach or leave airports deadline for rocket attacks on from unpredictable directions. Lufthansa passenger aircraft, the West German airline today ordered its pilots to fly special missile-evasion patterns.

Normal safety restrictions on flights over housing areas, oil refineries and other sensitive

installations have been waived since Friday to permit random changes in take-off and landing procedures at West German

airports.
Airports spokesmen said they are receiving many calls from

The new "random approach and departure flight procedures", expected to be in force for at least three or four weeks, were among the many security precautions being taken as authorities waited to see whether terrorists will try to implement threats to blow up three Lufthauss airliners from omorrow onwards as a reprisal for the deaths in jail of three Baader-Meinhof gang members on October 18.—AP.

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Plea for government aid after £1m storm damage place today if the wind has By Staff Reporters

Three Lancashire councils yes moderated sufficiently.

Along the North Wales coast terriay appealed for government aid after storm damage had been estimated at fim. Weather the railway line was blocked between Rhyl and Abergele at high tide and houses at Presta-tyn were inundated for the icrecasters offered little hope of an early and to the gales. second time in two days when a Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde district councils made their plea 75 mph gale sent waves over the sea wall.

in telegrams to the Prime Mini-At Fleetwood, Lancashire, where parts of the town were under sev_ral feet of water on Environment after widespread looding of coastal areas. Saturday, yesterday's high tides brought renewed flooding. The inshore lifeboat from Blackpool, The London Weather Centre said last night that an unusually which had been transported by deep depression that had moved south-east from Iceland would road was used in the streets. In the North Sea the crew of cratinue, and that strong wind rould be accompanied by rain five were rescued after a British with snow, sleet and hail in coaster, the Nimrod, had sank a few miles off Norfolk. Three Gusts of up to 90 mph were were taken off by RAF helicopters, one by the Cromer r corded in many places yester-

the and exposed coastal areas tere again pounded by high sens. Merseyside and North Wales experienced some of the lifeboat and another by a Dutch ranker. Inland, speed restrictions were in force on many motorways. Two lorries were blown over on the M1 in Nottinghamworst weather with a gust of 98 mph recorded at the Royal Senforth Dock. Crosby, Ferry shire, and the Mam Tor road in the Peak District, connect-ing Chapel-en-le-Frith and service: between Birkenhead and Wallasev and Liverpool Sheffield, was closed. were suspended.

Danish bacon may be scarce in Brirish shops in the next formight because of the loss of The Dublin car ferry. Mun-siet, was stormbound in Trafal-gar Dock, Liverpool, for more 1,000 tonnes when a container ship foundered between then three hours. At Cammell aird's yard at Birkenhead a housand children who arrived ship foundered between Esbjerg, Denmark, and Grunsby Saturday. Weather forecast, page for the launching of a tanker were turned away. It will take

Biko'attacked interrogators'

Steve Biko, the South African black consciousness leader, attacked the securitypolice during interrogation, an inquest into his death was told. An autopsy report said Mr Biko died of an extensive brain injury. Major Harold Snyman, of the Port Elizabeth security police, denied has Mr Bits had been assembled during that Mr Biko had been assaulted during interrogation

Tentative approaches have been made to local authorities and nationalized industries to persuade them to switch their accounts from London clearing banks to the Bank of England. This further move into the commercial sphere has led to a rift with the clearers

Bank move resented

Bordeaux harvest This year's harvest in the vineyards of Bordeaux is less than half of a normal one and a third of the exceptional burvest of 1976. But quality is high. Prices have been

fixed to avoid excessive rises : Page 6 Guide on homeless The Department of the Environment has issued guidance on the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act, which comes into force on December 1. Local authorities are

urged to adopt a sympathetic and practical approach to homeless people Page 3

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overseas representation Free school meals: A quarter of children who eat school dinners are expected to claim free meals as a result of new income eligibility Italian wines: A four-page Special Report looks at their increasing popularity

management changes that will income the cars division being split into five profit accountable units. Mr Edwardes emphasized recently the need for decentralization within the company Page 19 Arab summit planned

An Arab summit conference will be held on Pebruary 15, the Arab foreign ministers' conference in Tunis decided. This was a victory for Egypt which resisted pres-sore from other Arab states for an imme-diate summit to define strategy against

'Think tank' hearings Sir Michael Palliser, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, and Mr Curtis Keeble, the Chief Clerk, will be the main witnesses when a Commons committee begins a series of public hearings on the "think tank" report on Britain's oversess representation.

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FIREMEN'S STRIKE,

Belfast strikers fear public and Government may try to blame them for any fire deaths

Government officials expressed relief last night that the early stages of the strike in Northern Ireland were marked by a drop in the usual number

Places may

be increased to 130 today, and

two Royal Navy teams expert

in the use of breathing equip-

ment will be standing by.

About 1,600 troops stationed

throughout Scotland are work-

ing 12-hour shifts to handle

By yesterday evening many fewer fires than usual had been reported. In the Strath-

clyde region, where 51 people have died in fires this year, there was only a bandful of minor outbreaks instead of the usual daily average of 80 emer-

Mr Richard Knowlton, the firemaster, said lack of brea-thing equipment might become

a serious handicap. Last year iremen made 176 rescues from burning buildings, using the upparatus; most were in Glasgow. None of the military firemen has been trained in the use of breathing equipment.

Goddesses are standing by there. All normal fire-fighting

canipment, including the turn table ladders, is locked away in the Strathclyde Region's 41

Northern Ireland Fire Authority Northern Ireland Fire Authority have joined the strike. The Government denied allegations that troops had taken over the communications centre, maintaining that the soldiers on duty were acting as liaison officers with the senior fire chiefs who continued to work.

strike, security chiefs remain suspicious of the intentions of the Provisional IRA, which has planted more than 400 fire-bombs in Ulster this year. Six exploded in business premises account the contract Policy of the contract of of the contr around the centre of Belfast on

were acting as liaison officers with the senior fire chiefs who continued to work.

Ar fire stations in Belfast house on Belfast's peace line. It was soon extinguished.

Support for the strike was almost complete among Northern Ireland's 500 full-time firemen, although part-timers in many rural areas were still providing cover. Threats were made that the union cards of the part-timers would be withdrawn when the stoppage ends.

Among incidents handled by the part-timer was used to free two injured men in an army lorry. A third soldier was killed in the crash.

Woman switchboard operators at the headquarters of the serious of three stating as liaison officers with the senior fire chiefs who continued to work.

Ar fire stations in Belfast and Londonderry, the two cities most at risk, pickets were involed in fighting both fires, as they have been in the striker was a fire throughout the day despite strong wind and rain. The mood of the strikers was defiant, Belfast firemen bitterly rejected government pleas that Ulster should be treated as a special case becaune of the Provisional IRA threat.

One hundred and eighty soldiers and fire-fighting experts from the three Services were on standby, ready to man the part time men in an army lorry. A third soldier was killed in the crash.

Woman switchboard operators at the headquarters of the striker was a fire involed in fighting both fires, as they have been in those caused by the hundreds of other attacks against the city centre. But no one ever thinks of the mooney we have saved by purting them out."

The strikers were convinced the striker was seven build up as property, and possibly lives were lost in unattended fires.

Wr William Broadhurst, a leading fireman said: "Psychologically we have tried to prepare outselves for that, and for the probability that the government will try to blame to any fire. Despite the relative city centre. But no one ever thinks of the mooney we have saved by purting them out."

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Dangerous plants may have

Companies faced with partic Companies faced with particular fire hazards were urged by the Health and Safety Executive yesterday to consider shutting down the riskiest processes during the firements strike. The executive also warned all employers that they had a continuing duty to meet had a continuing dury to meet legal requirements covering workers' safety.

to close

workers' safety.

In a statement, the executive said: "Plant presenting special risks of outbreak and spread of fire should be reviewed and the possibility of discontinuing its use should be considered where this is reasonably practicable.

"If a process is closed down to minimize fire hazard special precautions should be taken to ensure that a new risk is not introduced. Patricia Tisdall writes: Re-

tailers, most of whom are carrying extra valuable stocks during
the build-up to Christmas, increased their fire security
arrangements yesterday.

HOME NEWS.

Applications to universities for next year tending to favour vocational science and business courses

Sociology shows a decline in popularity

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By Our Edu ation
Correspondent
Sociology, which enjoyed
great popularity among the undergraduates during the late
1950s and early 1970s has
passed its peak and its attractiveness is waning. The latest
figures for applications for
admission to universities next
year indicate a full of 17 per
cent in the number of students
applying to read sociology,
while total applications are up
by 7 per cent.

goods depot

ampton dockers threatens a goods distribution centre at Didcot, near Oxford. The complex is in danger of being turned over to warehousing.

The dockers, members of the

Transport and General Workers' Union, maintain that Didcot might take way their livelihood. As a result of neurons and their livelihood.

action the depot has never been successful as an "inland port" and 31 of its 32 acres of

port" and 31 of its 32 acres of open storage space is empty.

A decision on the centre will probably be taken before Christmas. The signs are that it will have to close. If that happens there is bound to be an outcry from railway workers, who saw it as a means to transfer some of the southampton dock space for the southampton dock space for the some of the southampton dock space for the southampton dock space is some of the southampton dock space for the southampton dock space is empty.

Southampton dock traffic from

road to rail.
British Kail has watched

with concern the successful blacking by the dockers but

has been anxious not to get envolved publicly.

ing agents at Didcot that they could choose either Didcot or

Southampton. But if they chose Didcot "they would not get another container through

Southampton docks or any other port according to a

shop stewards' publication in

considered by the transport subcommittee of the Labour Party pational executive said

that most goods forwarders did not want to risk defying the

dockers.
The blacking was imposed two and a half years ago, when

the Didcot centre was opened. Containers from Southempton

were to have been transported by rail to Didcot and cleared there by customs.

Southampton.
A confidential

The dockers told all forward-

lects such as sociology, geography, law, architecture, history, and art, applications for all of which are down by more than 8 per cent compared with the same time last year. Instead they are turning to vocationally oriented science and business management courses. Applications for civil, electrical, mechanical and general engineering courses are all up by more than a fifth, as are also applications for agriculture and forestry, physics, and business management.

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor
Shop-floor union leaders in
the engineering industry yesterday voted to seek a new
skilled rate of £70 a week, lon-

skilled rate of £70 a week, longer holidays, and a 35-hour working week. The claim will be put to the Engineering Employers' Federation on December 19.

The decision was taken unanimously by the lay policy making national committee of the decisional committee of the decision and the decision of the decision o

making national committee of the dominant engineering sec-tion of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers in London, and it is likely to be confirmed by the Confedera-tion of Shipbuilding and Engi-neering Unions, which has final responsibility for formu-laring the claim for 1,300,000 workers in the industry. The f70 target for craftsmen.

The £70 target for craftsmen, linked to £55 for unskilled

workers, represents a com-promise between the left's tar-

get of an £80 minimum time

rate in the industry and the moderates argument that the

union should seek a "substan-tial" increase in negotiations

with the employers.

The craftsmen's rate is a "calculator" that determines pay in the industry but it is actually paid to only a tiny minority of workers. Average earnings for craftsmen in the middle of this year exceeded.

middle of this year exceeded £65, and with overtime that

figure rises to more than 173. But a big increase in the minimum rate would in-

similar increases in combined social studies, combined social studies and art, and also, somewhat surprisingly in view of the decline in modern languages in schools, in combined languages.

passed its peak and its attractiveness is waning. The latest figures for applications for admission to universities next year indicate a fell of 17 per cent in the number of students applying to read sociology, while total applications are up by 7 per cent.

About a third of the expected total number of candidates have applied, the Universities Central Council on Admissions amnounced yesterday. An analysis of those applications are total of the central council on Admissions amnounced yesterday. An analysis of those applications are training to vocationally oriented science and business management courses. Applications for civil, electrical, mechanical and general engineering courses are all up by those than a lifth, as are also applications for agriculture and forestry, physics, and business management.

There have been smaller, but the total number of first-substantial (more than 4 per cent) increases in medicine, had declined, down from 1,539 and accountancy. Among the arts subjects there have been number rose by almost a half.

crease average earnings through higher overtime pay bigger bonus earnings, holiday pay, piecework rates and other

when phase two of the income

Proposals designed to draw

eering workers, construction workers, foundry workers, and

of engagements to see if there is ground for putting to a bal-

lot of the entire membership a

policy expired.

Dockers may Employers likely to resist engineers claim

piecework rates and other fringe items.

The employers are therefore likely to oppose such a substantial increase from the present minimum time rate of £42 for craftsmen, which does not take into account the £6 and £4 income policy supplements.

By 27 votes to 24 moderates on the policy-making committee beat off a left-wing challenge to the way Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the AUEW, cast his union's vote in favour of the 12-month rule at the September TUC conference. The left had argued that it was a violation of an earlier conference decision to reject wage restraint when phase two of the income

Miss Jackson said the larger proportion of those receiving free meals should "diminish if not remove" the stigma that some felt to be attached to

She could not say how many more pupils would be eligible for free meals, but department officials thought it might be more closely together the four sections of the AUEW-enginabout a million, making a total of more than two million of the white-collar section Tass—
were rejected by 28 votes to 23
and final amaignmation of the
AUEW now looks more distant
than ever. The union's leaders
are looking at the 1964 Act
governing trade union transfer

scheme for full amalgamation that has been stalled in the policy-making process for three years. Those gross income figures are only approximate, as the entitlement is based on the family's income after deduc-ally known by members of the NUI strike committee. If the NGA returned to work, the newspapers could resume pub-lication in a reduced form.

Tory call to strengthen law on child pornography ment that they must wait for the Williams committee on

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Action must be taken now to strengthen the law so that the use of children for pornographic purposes will suffer heavy penalties in the courts, Mr Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Conservative Party and spokesman on Home Office affairs, said in London last night. He was putting the party's view in the light of many representations made by the party rank and file and others. The issue was discussed at a recent meeting of the Shadow Action must be taken now to

recent meeting of the Shadow Cabinet at the Commons, when Mrs Thatcher spoke strongly in favour of immediate legal changes. She recently reviewed the possibility of amending legislation with Mr. Mary Whitehouse, general secretary of the National Viewers and isteners' Association.

Mr Whitelaw, speaking at a meeting of the South Eastern

obscenity to report."

He called for an amendment to the Obscene Publications Act which would put "pornography
that uses children" in a new
legal category. This new offence
would not be protected by
clauses in the Obscene Publications Act that demand proof of tendency to deprave and corrupt

The Metropolitan Police had shown how pornography shops could be deterred from holding and selling such material, he said. The Metropolitan Police initiative should be emulated by chief constables in the provinces.

Mr Alan Beith, Liberal Chief
Whip and a spokesman on
Home Office affairs, said last
night that Liberals would support a tightening of the obscenity laws to catch those who meeting of the South Eastern use children for pornography. Conservative Council, said:

"I add my voice now to all some MP who had been lucky those who are urging action. The Government must not use the ballot for private members as an excuse for delay the argu-

A quarter of school meals likely to be free

By Diana Geodes
Education Correspondent
The Government expects that one child in every four who eat school dinners will soon be claiming free school meals after the introduction yesterday of new income eligibility limits and the launching of a £3,000 government publicity campaign to promote the take-up of that entitlement.

Returns received so far from 60 of the 104 local education authorities in England and Wales to the October, 1977 census on school meals indicate that nearly a fifth, 18 per cent, of all pupils taking meals are receiving them free.

Last year, about \$50,000 of the 5,800,000 pupils taking school dinners, one in six, received them free. That represented only about three quarters of the total who were believed to be eligible.

The latest revision of entitlement scales, combined with the new scales which were intituded in August, at the save, time as the increase in cost of a school meals from 15p to 25p, should result in an extra 500,000 children claiming free school meals, Miss Jackson, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Education and Science, said yesterday.

The total number of those taking school meals, paid or free, have fallen by about a tenth, or nearly 600,000, compared with last year, preliminary returns from the October census indicate. The number claiming free meals has risen by about 15 per cent compared with last October.

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of more than two million of the nine million pupils in England and Wales who are now entitled to a free meal, compared with an estimated 1,130,000 last year.

The new eligibility limits mean that a family with one child will be entitled to a free school meal if its gross income is below about £65; a family with two children should not

with two children should not have an income of more than about £70, and a family with three children not more than

Secret moves to end strike

by journalists

By Our Labour Staff

Proposals to end a 21-week cios..d-shop journalists employed Westminster Press at Darling-ton will be considered at an executive meeting of the National Union of Journalists

tomorrow.

They have been drawn up by the National Graphical Association, whose stoppage in sympathy with the journalists has halted the Northern Echo, the Evening Despatch, the Darlington and Stockton Times and the Durham Advertiser series.

The NGA made clear that continued supports for the

continued support for the journalists will depend on the NUJ's attitude towards the proposals. Details are being kept

be left to burn out From Ronald Faux A warning that buildings may have to be left to burn out during the firemen's smike us long as lives are not in danger was given yesterday in Edinburgh by Mr Ewing, Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office. The number of Green Goddess appliances operated by service crews in Scotland will

A picket making his grievance plain outside Lambeth fire station.

Mr Mulley gets a close look at five 'Green Goddesses' with Royal Artillery crews

Hoax calls as army substitutes move in Glasgow has one of the worst fire records in Europe, and 600 troops with 45 Green

day was at the wastepaper mull lable for fire-fighting, as many of John W. Hannay, of East Kilbride, when 400 tons of paper was destroyed.

man. He has 10,000 men available for fire-fighting, as many as are needed to run the equipment available, including paper was destroyed. 125 magnificent Bedford "Green Goddesses" at least 20

Yesterday Mr Mulley visited the troops at Finsbury Bar-racks, in City Road, London, usually the headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, now for the duration of the firemen's strike the headquarters of the eastern sector of the special London fire centres. About 60 recruits from the Royal Artillery Deport at Woolwich are manning fire Control Codes

ning five Green Goddesses and their attendant vehicles. It was a setting for an Eal-

By Philip Howard

As political head of the Boer War decorated the troops who are providing the entrance to the HAC heademergency fire services, Mr quarters. The only modern Mulley, Secretary of State for vehicles on view were the Defence, yesterday became police motor-cycles for escorting temporary chief national fire-ing the fire-fighters, and they man He has 10,000 men available.

Secretary of State scrambled on had only 505 miles on the clock.

Mr Mulley denied that the troops were being used for strike-breaking. He said: Tho soldiers are quite satisfied that they man He has 10,000 men available.

Mr Mulley clambered pre-carlously up the back of a Green Goddess, bunted from behind by Major-General John Swinton, General Officer Commanding London District. Mr Mulley said: "The Armed Services cannot provide the same cover as the professional fire service. We shall do our best with the equipment we have got. My concern is to make sure that we at the Ministry of Defence are giving the maximum support to these troops as tiley try to meet the emergency."
General Swinton described

the Green Goddesses as very workmanlike, rather unsophis-ticated, old Civil Defence vehi-cles, unsuitable for London because the Ludders on their ing comedy, rich with the at-occurrence of the 1950s. Battle because the ladders on their bowlers rested on the seats of roofs are only 30ft long. At the antique lorries, which least they have not neuron leaked water at every hose and driven far. The one that the

deal with the emergency. There is nothing unusual in using the Armed Services in a civilian emergency to minim ze loss of life and demage."
While he was at Finsbury,

the soldiers tackled the first London rire successfully in a Camberwell rubbish skip. Gen-eral Swinton told Mr Mulley that they were getting far more hoax call; than usual. Unlike the fire brigade, tha troops do not go out until the police have confirmed that it is a genuine call. Mr Mulley said he was satisfied with the arrangements in the short time available. In the shadow of the tower

blocks of the Ecrbican it was difficult not to adapt the Duke of Welling in: "I do not know what effect these precau-

illegal entrants From Our Correspondent Stoke-on-Trent

Two iailed for

plot to aid

Two men said by ludge Taylor to have taken part in a fraudulent scheme to obtain insurance cards, for illegal insurance cards for illegal immigrants were jalled at Stoke-on-Treut Crown Court

yesterday.
The court was told that Soham Singh Nair, aged 37, of Corporation Street, Stafford, and Sarwan Singh, aged 52, of Roebuck Lane, West Bronwich, had forged applications for insurance cards which were sold for substantial amounts to help illegal immigrants to find Both had pleaded not guilty

to the charge of conspiracy to forge the applications. They were cleared on a further charge of conspiring to aid illegal immigrants. Mr Nair was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, but Mr Singh received two years, be-cause. Judge Taylor said, he was the organizer. He also ordered that a six-month suspended sentence imposed on Mr Singh for a similar offence should run consecutively.

Three other men pleaded guilty to similar charges three weeks ago and the judge said: "If I had known as much about this case then as I do now I would have dealt differently

Irishman flown from Dutch jail

Today prison for a month, was arrested by irish police as he arrived at Dublin Airport last night. He was charged in connexion with failing to appear in court over his alleged part in a post office robbery.

Mr Gallagher, afed 38, from
Dublin, was flown back on an extradition warrant after fail-ing to reverse the decision of a Dutch court ordering him back to the Irish Republic.

Libel damages for ex-diplomat

Mr. Zuleik Ayala Cabeda, a Sunny itervals, showers, blustery and prolonged, with showers, beavy former Uruguayan diplomat, and heavy; wind NW, strong to places; mostly cold, with some severe gale; max temp 7° to 9°C frost.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; rain; s, sun; sn. snow.

Bibel action against Penguin Foots.

Government, the court was told.

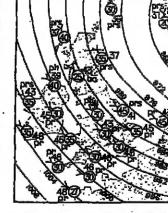
(45° to 48°F). Midlands, E, NW, SW England, Wales: Bright or sunny intervals, showers, heavy and blustery, snow on hills, local thunder; wind NW, strong to severe gale; max temp 6° to 7°C (43° to 45°F). Lake District, isle of Man, central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow. Central Highlands, Argyll. Ireland: Bright intervals, showers, heavy and blustery, snow drifting on some hills, local thunder; wind NW, strong to severe gale; max temp 5°C (41°F). Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland. Orkney. Shetland: Rather cloudy, showers, heavy and prolonged at times, snow, especially on hills, with drifting, local thunder; wind NW, veering N, severe gale; max temp 4°C (39°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Continuing unsettled and windy with showers, heavy and prolonged, with snow in places; mostly cold, with some frost. Sun rises: Sun sets: 7.18 am 4.12 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: 11.21 am 3.49 pm Moon rises : Moon sets : 11.21 am 3.49 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: 11.21 am 3.49 pm First quarter: November 17. Lighting np: 4.42 pm to 6.50 am. High water: London Bridge, 4.9 am, 7.4m (24.2ft); 4.35 pm, 7.5m (24.6ft). Avonatouth, 9.48 am, 13.0m (42.8ft); 10.12 pm, 12.5m (41.2ft). Dover, 1.12 am, 6.8m (42.4ft): 1.39 pm, 6.6m (21.8ft). Hull, 8.40 am, 7.4m (23.4ft): 8.53 pm, 7.3m (24.1ft). Liverpool, 1.30 am, 9.3m (30.7ft); 1.54 pm, 9.5m (31.1ft).

Weather forecast and recordings

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibors FRONTS Warm Cold Occludes

A depression will move SE across the North Sea towards Denmark, bringing cold, windy and showery conditions to all parts.

Forecasts for 6 am to unidnight:
London, SE, central S England,
East Anglia, Channel Islands:
Sunny itervals, showers, blustery and heavy; wind NW, strong to severe gale; max temp 7° to 9°C



Sea Passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind W, gale to storm; sea high.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea:
Wind W, veering NW, gale, occasionally srorm; sea, high.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 13°C (55°F): min, 6 pm to 6 am, 6°C (43°F). Humidity. 6 pm, 57 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.11in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 986.5 milibars, rising.
1,000 milibars=29.53in.



'Tribune' plea to Mr Rees

A clash between firemen and

troops over secret plans to hil-let Service men at fire stations

in parts of Essex was narrowly averted before the strike began

yesterday.

The county brigade confirmed that it had originally decided to order troops into

fire stations with bedding and

food, contrary to Government instructions. But the plan was

called off after discussions be-tween angry Fire Brigades Union representatives and fire

chiefs.
Last week the Home Office advised chief fire officers throughout the country that no troops should be allowed into

troops should be allowed into fire stations, in order not to exacerbate the dispute.

The county brigade's E division faced the biggest threat of a clash. At the divisional head-quarters, Harlow, the 54 firemen were told of the contingency arrangements at 9 pm on Sunday only 12 hours.

on Sunday, only 12 hours before the strike was due to

It also asked the Government

defeats Guards By Stewart Tendler

The hardest task facing the 200 substitute firemen at Chil-sea Barracks, London, yesta-day proved to be an unsuccess-ful attempt at unblocking a

A Chelsea drain

off, polished the "Green God-des," engines, or rolled out the hosing and rolled it up again.

with the others. I was too leni-ent with the first three."

Patrick Gallagher, who was said by lawyers to be at the point of no return after starwing himself in a Dutch

Eooks.
Mr Philip Agee's book, Inside the Company—CIA Diary, published by Penguin, falsely alleged that Mr Cabeda acted as a CIA agent for the United Stares against the Cuban Consument the court was told.

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All Glasgow's firemen are supporting the strike. The Rev Ceoffrey Shaw, convener of Strathclyde Region, said pre-coutions were as good as Mr Ewing, speaking at a press contereace, said that because of the lack of breathing equipment there might

be cases where buildings would have to be left to burn provided no one was in danter. The saving of life had priority Ronald Kershaw writes: In West Yorkshire about 30 fire appli-ences and 200 troops were reading by and a small rubbish fire was put out by troops at

Union officials said there was iniost complete support, but part-rime fireman manned Normanton and Featherstone sta-

Senior fire officers, who are andes Union, reported for duty at one or two stations. A union official at Bradford said the men would "not be too happy" with them when the strike

Wales TUC warning to part-timers By Tim Jones

The Wales TUC gave a warning to part-time firemen yester-day not to "don the mantle of moonlighting strike-breakers" by performing routine and non-emergency work. It said the dispute would be moni-

It urged the Government, local autourities and the Fire Brigades Union to draw up a code of conduct for tackling fires during the strike. Mr George Wright, general secretary, said that the code should define an emergency and generally that should mean

a fire where there was danger to life and limb. He said there should be no interference with troops tackling fires.
The 516 troops in Wales who are manuing 18 "Green Goddesses" had little work yester-

in Gwent most of the parttime firemen decided to work normally, while in Mid-Glamorgan most backed the strike. "Conscience" shift: In North Wales, turce fireman and a sub-officer last night crossed a picket line to begin a 15-hour conscience shift inside start. Rhyll headquarters

By Our Political Correspondent which should be fair and . The Tribune Group of flexible ". Labour MPs decided last night It also asked the Government.

to to make direct representations to Mr Rees, Home Secretary, on the firemen's strike.

They were supporting a motion tabled yesterday by Mr James Sillars, Scottish Labour Party MP for Ayrshire, South, a former member of the Fire Brigades Union, quoting from a speech made by Mr Rees at the union's conference and will rek an urgent interview.

a speech made by Mr Rees at and the group's chairman, who the union's conference and will ek an urgent interview referring to "a pay policy with hir Rees.

that it would be foolhardy to do this because it would create

a terrific argument. About an hour afterwards we were told that the plan was being called

off."
The 20 Service men involved

were eventually billeted at a Territorial Army depot at Old

For the rest of their day the The group nominated a delegation, to be led by Mr Edward Guards' Depot at Pirbright. Flercher. MP for Darlington, based at Cheisea were detailed

Plans to billet troops called off met Mr Reginald Cox, the divisional officer, and asked him hydrants. An officer said: to make other arrangements.

A member of the station's have all this information on strike committee told me: computer and to get it, all they have to do is press seven that it would be footbarded to be the control of the computer and to get it. buttons, apparently. They would not, or could not, give the information to us because of the dispute."

Mr Roy Barnes, Chief Fire officer for Essex, said he had received report that some tremen had been threatened with union disciplinary action Harlow, near by.

Ten men from The Staffordshire Regiment, who were originally supported to billet at Ongor fire station, found them-

Ongor fire station, found themselves with nowhere to go. A soldier said: "It is a joke. We guaranteed whether they obey have been moved around five times, just trying to put down our mattresses."

At midday, three hours quartery, at Brentwood, after taking over from the 18 regular firemen at Ongar, the day, Only 13 calls for help had soldiers were laying bedding been received throughout the the local police station.

At Loughton, the police rider at his in the police rider was a life in temployment with their right to employment with their right to employment with the server. At Loughton, the police cident was a life in a tumbler union leaders immediately spent much of the weekend drier at South Benfleet.

Code urges council sympathy for homeless

Local authorities are being urged by the Departent of the Environment to adopt a more sympathetic and practical approach to homeless people. A code of guidance on the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act, which comes into force on December 1, says authorities should try to secure satisfactory accommodation for those in genuine need and should not automatically serve notices to quit on tenants in errears with their rent

The Act is the first leglisa-tion specifically designed for homeless people. Councils will be under an obligation to provide homes for priority cases which will include, among others, the mentally ill, one-parent families and pregnant

The code urges authorities wherever possible to take early action to prevent homelessness. It suggests ways of securing accommodation for those in need, including short-term leases on empty houses and, as u last resort, use of guest houses and hotels. Cases of rent arrears should not attract as a routine penalty the issue of a notice to quit, it says.

Such cases are open to variety of approaches, including postponement of payment to give tenants a chance to put their finances in order.

The code emphasizes the need for cooperation between hous-ing authorities and social and voluntary services.

Cuce a home is found it is stated contain should be main-tuined with tenants to prevent their becoming homeless again. Mr Armstrong, Under-Secre-tary of State at the Department of the Environment, said yester-day: "While the Act is very day: "While the Act is very much a pioneering step, its im-plementation will, to a large extent, be built upon the sound experience of the past".

The Association of District Councils said that although the code contained sensible advice, such detailed guidance was un-necessary. "Difficult decisions, necessary. "Difficult decisions, especially in the case of the intentionally homeless, will have to be taken by authorities on individual cases in the light of particular circumstances.

.ousing campaign: A further stage in the Government's com-paign to persuade local authorities to diversify their housing programmes is marked by the publication today of a new by the housing development directorate of the Department of the Environment (our Plan-

The study gives guidance to councils on provision of dwellings for small households, as ipposed to conventional family 1.918. According to the department, more than helf of British households conrist of only one or two people.

Providing more accommods tion for single people, one parent families, newly married couples and elderly people, it is hoped, wil release more accom-modation for larger families. Housing Development Note VI: House Shells part 2 (Department of the Environment, Room 1107, Erckett 1 1118, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SEI 7ER; 65p plus

Soldier murder charge

Bombardier Sean Andrew Conboy, aged 21, of the Royal Artillery, was remanded in custody for a week at Belfast Magistrates' Court yesterday, charged with murdering Lance-Corporal Barry Hilton, aged 25,

Marxists in higher education, 2: Dramatic examples from polytechnics

Some sociology courses being blamed for students' indoctrination

Polytechnics provide some of the most dramaric examples of Marxist, influence in higher education. The Gould report quotes an advertisement for the sociology course at Middlesex Polytechnic that promises students: "You would study a number of themes, including the philosophical and historical background to Marxism and sociology, the roots of racism and sexism, revolutionary movements and the dynamics of domination in industrial ocieties and the third world".

Mr Terence Miller, Director of North London Polytechnic, has recently called in the examination papers for the BSc degree in sociology to see whether they show signs of over Marxist indoctrination in the teaching.

Like universities, polytechnics underwent rapid expansion in the 1960s, which was perticularly concentrated in the social sciences. In 1960 no polytech-nics were teaching sociology; now there are 30. Middlesex Polytechnic alone has a socio-logy department of 65.

Dr A. H. Halsey, of Nuffield College, Oxford, says: "The gold rush of the sixties did allow for easy prospecting for all kinds of 'isms', and cer-tainly several varieties of Marx-ism were borne in on this wave

Mrs Caroline Cox, former head of the sociology department at North London Polytechnic, feels that polytechnics are more vulnerable to left wing infiltration than universities. She says: "They are struggling to establish themselves academically. Both intellectually and structurally, universities have got more back-up and resilience. At polytechnics the students are far more isolated. It is quite possible for someone doing social sciences never to

another subject."

Mr Miller thinks that serious Marxist activity is confined to North London Polytechnic, North East London Polytechnic and Middlesex Polytechnic. Significantly, those three institutions concentrate particularly on social sciences.

come across anyone reading

on social sciences.

The situation at North London Polytechnic is well known through reports in the press. Certainly it is not a typical institution. None the less, many of its staff fear that what is going on there, which was serious enough to have made three of them write a book on it (The Rape of Reason) and later join Professor Julius later join Professor Julius Gould's study group, could happen in other polytechnics. Mr Miller says: "It is the atmosphere here more than anything else that is worrying : the tone of conversations, the

texture to it. The whole atmosphere of Marxism and its associated paraphernalia of women's liberation, anti-abortion, Chile and Northern Ireland impregnates everyone, just like coal dust gets into a

Mr Miller thinks that no more than a tenth of the staff at North London Polytechnic are on the far left, although
Mrs. Cox says that the proportion in the sociology department is as high as 66 per cent.
Mr Miller feels that by using
tactics of bullying and
intimidation, however, they are
able to exert an influence out
of all proportion to their size.

"They are positively bent on upsetting and destroying the state. My objection is to people who use their privileged posi-tion as teachers to preach this doctrine. It is morally wrong. Their disaffection infects the whole body", he says. Mrs Cox refers to girl students called "bourgeois bags" in seminars by lecturers who had come in tears to the

place where they could safely discuss with her their intimi-dation by left-wing teachers. She says that a young member of staff came out of a departmental meeting shaking like a leaf after being subjected attitude of people as they pass to intense pressure to falsify in the corridor, the slamming of her marks in order to pass left-

redundancy were that the use was small, there was no heating

and the other churches were well able to absorb the Si

the points in the petition had been considered.

Gunmen snatch £7,000

London, yesterday.

Erkenwald's worshippers.

doors and the turning of backs. wing students in an examination. The whole air has a definite that they had clearly failed on academic grounds. The head of the department concerned, she says, openly admitted that he was not interested in academic standards.

Dr John Marks, a lecturer in physics at North London Polytechnic, is convinced that the disruption that has occurred there over the past few years is a result of a carefully organized campaign by students and staff in the Communist Party. He quotes the remarks of students at a sociology seminar that they had come to the polytechnic "to create a Marxist cell" and that they wanted to be taught Marxism only because they had "come to learn the gospel in order to go out and propagate

He says many lecturers have actively supported student disruption and consistently thwarted attempts by himself and others to draw up an agreed code of conduct. Mrs Cox says she was never

allowed to give more than two lectures on the sociology of religion in a three-year sociology course. She suspects that it was because of her own position as a Christian. Yet a fellow lecturer, she says, was warmly received when he sug-gested that religion should figure in a course on deviance.

Mrs Cox, who is now director of the Nursing Education Re-search Unit at Chelsea College,

the teaching of vocational subjects such as medicine, social work and education. She quotes cases of social workers who refuse to accept that people are suffering from schizophrenia or been taught that mental illness does not exist as such and is a product of

capitalist system. Her view is shared by Mr Ronald Lewis, chief probation officer for Kent. He says: "We have had a lot of people coming into the probation service in the past few years who, one is fairly certain, have been indoctrinated in polytechnics particularly into thinking that all crime is caused by econo-mics and that all judges are bent Their social work education has basically been a politi-

At a conference last year Mr Lewis quoted a professor of social administration who advised his students to divert thieres from corner shops to Marks and Spencer, "who could well afford the loss ". Mr Brian Munday, a lecturer

in social work at the Kent University, thinks the influence University, thinks me man work of Marxists on social work training has diminished in the past five years. He says: "It is in good times that people feel free to take a critical stance. In bad times like now people

get their heads down and concentrate on finding jobs.
"More social work courses

JPX, in 150

are now being taken by people who have had experience in the field, which tends to make them less susceptible to the excesses of the left. There are certainly people training social workers from a Marxist standpoint, but they are heavily out-numbered."

Education and teacher training is another area where there is concern about the effects of Marxist influence. Mrs. Cox quotes a typical reading list from a polytechnic course on the sociology of education. The four main suggested books are all heavily Marxist in tone: Pedagogy of the Oppressed, Cultural Action for Freedom, Schooling and Capitalism, and Schooling in Capitalist America, which advocates training students and pupils in the use of

Professor David Martin of the London School of Econo-mics says: "Within the whole education system there is a steady drip of indoctrination. It moves from universities and polytechnics to teacher training colleges and so through to schools and children. Its message is that society is a sham and that everything we while is middle-class bilge, you create that feeling society, you unnerve people and

throwing eggs at the

£50 fine for

Queen's car Bernard Morgan, aged 42. who was said to have thrown eggs at the royal car at the . Festival of Remembrance. meant no disrespect to the Queen but was seeking publicity in a campaign to prove his son's innocence, it was stated at Horseferry Road Magistrates'

Court, Westminster, yesterday. "In fact, he is a very strong supporter of the monarchy". Mr Adam Griffiths, for the defence, told Mr Kenneth Harington, the magistrate, who remarked: "Well, this was a very odd way of showing it."

Mr Morgan, unemployed, of Westfield's Old Town, Wadsworth, Halifax, West Yorkshire was fined 150 and bound ofor a year after he had admitted using threatening behaviour and damaging police uniforms.

Chief Inspector John Purnell said Mr Morgan threw three eggs at the Queen's Rolls-Royce as it arrived at the royal entrance of the Albert Hall on Saturday.

The first egg hit a constable, the second the car's nearside window, the third "hit me in the face, running down my side and all over my uniform ".

Angry members of the crowd gathered round Mr Morgan and two of them held him. The police found three more eggs

Mr Purnell said Mr Morgan's son, Bernard, was sentenced to detention four years ago. thinks he was wrongly convicted and has been trying to draw

artention to this ", he added. Mr Purnell added that Mr also been convicted of offences involving egg-throwing on other occasions in the past. His daughter and one son had been arrested on Sunday in Halifax for throwing eggs during a re membrance ceremony.

Because of the circumstances of their campaign and the pullicity the family had suffered in their community.

Women lose fight to save their church

St Erkenwald's Church, Southend, Essex, said by Sir John Berjeman to "stand out like a great battleship above the town", is to be made redund-ant, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council decided

yesterday.

Three worshippers at the church, which was completed in 1910, Miss Olive Rippingal, of Rochford Avenue, Westchiff-on-Sea; Mrs Doris Medcalf, of Kilworth Avenue; and Mrs Jessie Payne, of Cheltenham Road, both Southend, had petitioned assainst a decision to tioned against a decision to declare St Erkenwald's redund-

Miss Rippingal told the com-mittee that the decision was

Hospital case

adjourned to

await TV film

From Our Correspondent

The trial of an Edinburgh nurse alleged to have endan-gered the life of a girl of 13 by cutting off her air supply as

she lay in an intensive care ward was stopped at Edinburgh Sheriff Court yesterday after a suggestion that a television programme might have prejudiced her defence.

Mrs Margaret Atkins, aged

stand trial on two charges alleging that she twice

alleging that sh acsaulted Elizabeth

against the opinion of the to an increasing congregation.

Council of Places of Worship The reasons for the proposed that there was no church in the redundancy were that the use diocese comparable with St Erkenwald's and every effort should be made to preserve it. The Council for the Care of Churches had said: "Internally the building is quite breath-taking. It is not only the finest

of the Southend churches.
but probably the finest of its
period in Essex."

The council had also said that to demolish "this magnificent group of buildings, in near per-fect condition", was economic Mrs Payne said local redevelopment would mean that St Erkenwald's could look forward

Home head said

to have

assaulted girls Harry Bunker, aged 59, a magistrate, pleaded not guilty at Winchester Crown Court yes-

at Winchester Crown Court yes-terday to indecently assaulting five girls while he was super-intendent at Ashdene children's home, in Southampton.

Mr David Calcutt, QC, for the prosecution, said the alleged offences took place between 1971 and 1976. It was the custom of the home that every morning each sirl would kiss morning each girl would kiss

"But when these reached the age where began to develop sexually", he added, "you will hear from some of them that this man began to pay close attention to their developing breasts, touching and sometimes rather more ing-and sometimes rather more than touching over, inside and beneath their clothing." That was not the limit of Mr Bunker's interest. He would take the girls into a large toy and sweet cupboard, where activities of a very much more

acsaulted Elizabeth Semple, now dead, formerly of Shade Park Gardens, by occluding her air supply on February 14 and 15 to the danger of her life.

It is alleged that she placed her hund over a tube maintaining the girl's airway on February 14, and placed a pad over another tube maintaining the airway on February 15.

Mr Donaid Robertson, QC, for Mrs Atkins's defence called for Mrs Atkins's defence called for an adjournment to the trial intimate nature occurred." He added that Mr Bunker touched the girls' vaginas and somebefore a jury was sworn in so that the film of the programme, times got the girls to mastur-base him. The woman who reported the girl's allegations was dismissed

Weekend World, and its script could be seen by the speriff, the deputy fiscal, for the Crown, and by himself. The case was adjourned until December 14. a week later. The trial continues today.

Lord Lucan's creditors to get 7½p in £ more

Creditors of Lord Lucan are to get £4,400 on December 12, a dividend of 7 p in the pound. The money is mainly from an auction of possessions formerly belonging to the missing peer, who is wanted for the murder of his children's nursemaid Lord Dilhorne, sitting with Lord Justice Edmund-Davies and Lord Scarman, said that all With the latest payout credi-tors in Lord Lucan's bankruptcy will have received a total of 92}p in the pound.

"I am still confident that they will get paid in full, but I do not yet know when", Mr Denuis Gilson, the accountant appointed by the creditors as the trustee in bankruptcy, said. Two men armed with a shot-gun snatched a bag containing abour £7,000 from security guards at the National West-minster bank at Peckham Rye, The main assets yet to be realized are funds in a Swiss bank account, and a \$15,000

mother, Marcia Brady Tucker, of New York. Mr Gilson said: "She was evidently very close to the Lucan family, and dur-ing the war acted almost as a mother to Lord Lucan."

Lawyers in New York are contesting Mr Gilson's claim to the legacy. Under New York State law, if a legatee is de-clared bankrupt within six months of the death of the testator the money need not be

"This does not apply in England", Mr Gilson said. "I am claiming that our law is supreme in this matter." So far. Lord Lucan's assets

cause his possessions were both in Britain and abroad, expenses have been heavy.

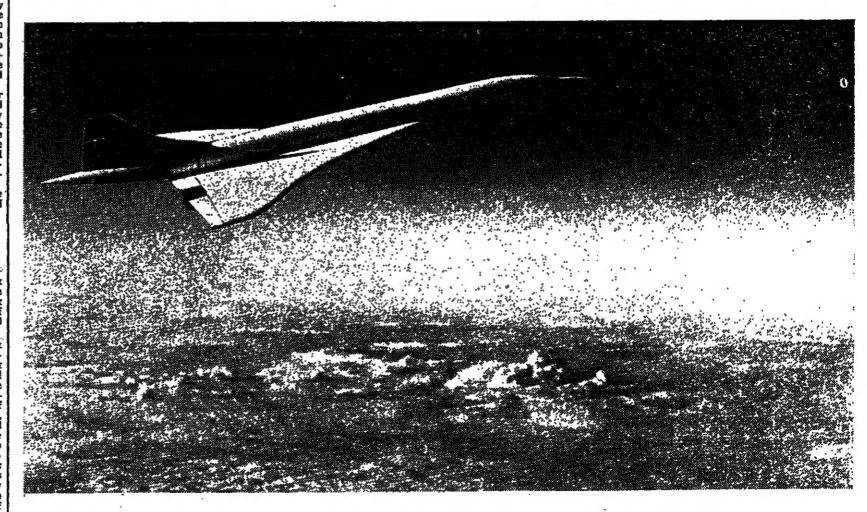
have realized £103.800, but be-

Bingo hall staff to 'face charges' Twelve members of the staff

and management were arrested on warrants in a raid last Friday at the Scalu bingo hall at Farnborough, Hampshire.

Chief Superintendent James Reed, of Aldershot police, said all 12 had been released, but inquiries were continuing. Charges would be preferred against some

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S Yorkshire seeks £8m to improve canal

cil is to mount an impressive Regional report n the hope that public enthus-tasm will sway the Government towards its view that nearly 13m should be spent on the improvement of 35 kilometres of the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation, a canal that links the industrial heart of South Yorkshire with the Eumber ports and therefore with Scandinavia and Europe. With it in the enterprise is the Brirish Weterways Board, who is confident that not only would the improvement estab-lish the commercial viability of the canal but that it would also have far-reaching econo-

mic and environmental advantages for the county. The plan is simple. It involves the lengthening, improvement or reconstruction of in locks, the realignment of navigation channels at four points, the straightening of a lew kinks in the waterway and the constuction of a swing bay. The construction of a swing bay thre investment is demanding with the expense of half a a 15 per cent return, which dozen miles of motorway or neither the county council nor the reconstruction of a few the waterways board can the reconstruction of a few bridges.

committed to spending some 400,000 tonness annually and thing like £2,500,000 just to although barges of up to 500 maintain the canal in its necessary only it would still to accuracy, only those up to 90 tonness can reach Rotherham. cost \$1,300,000. It cannot be closed and filled in because it would permit the larger capac-

The 17.8m cost of bringing it argued that increase competitiveness the county council includes the with other modes of transport, the county council includes the amounts the Government is committed to spending already hist to maintain or downgrade the canal. The maximum additonal money required therefore is only about 56m.

The county council has subplicated the county council has subplic

the county council has sub-distanced the improvement. It is suggested that an im-proved canal would carry away colliery spoil to the Humber caring thar 30 per cent of the introduced might well and reclamation, and thus im-

Ronald Kershaw Sheffield

come from the European Regional Development Fund. The only stumbling block remaining appears to be the British Government's reluc-tance to part with money when cuts in public spending are the order of the day. The county council is a little annoyed at the Government's treatment of the proposal in terms of pro-

jected returns.
A financial appraisal using discounted cash flow techniques gives a rate of return of dues gives a rate of return of between 10 and 11 per cent That is geater than the return required by the Government for other transport infrastruc-ture investment. Despite that

guarantee.

The difficulty is that the The county council and the canal is a commercial waterwaterways board argue that in canal is a commercial waterway carrying more than 400,000 tonnes annually and consists partly of a natural ity barges to use the whole tiver.

The 17.8m cost of bringing it argued that not only would be standard demanded by but it would also attact new canal-based industries, thus widening the industrial base of South Yorkshire, creating new jobs when the creating new

It is suggested that an im-

the caused would provide 700 jobs over the next 20 years.

It is true that the shipment of coal accounts for three-quarters of canal traffic at quarters of canal traffic at present, but the county council and the waterways board are convinced that industries relying on the bulk movement of products, for instance, heavy, awkward machinery, wood pulp, aggregates, oil and the like, would be attacted to South Yorkshire. Those industries relying on bulk imports from Europe and bulk exports to Europe would have every facility required if only the facility required if only the canal could take the size of barge that makes economic

They are sure that the relatively low transport costs low transport costs increase demand for which would in turn stimulate employment. Other areas of the Yorkshire and Humberside region might well benefit because the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Nav-igation would link South Yorkshire not only to the Humber but also to other areas served Navigation and the Selby Canal, including places such as Nottingham, Leeds, Scun-Nottingham, Leeds, Scun-thorpe, Goole, Grimsby and Hull.

It is visualized that BACAT ((Barge aboard catamaran) services would give cheap, safe access to and from EEC partners in Europe and Scanding

From the middle of this

month the cond campaign will be directed at MPs and public alike. Exhibitions will be staged in London and the North pointing out the advan-tages of the scheme. Car stickers, literature and press advertising will be widespread and at the end of the month a massive lobby of Westminster will be held in an attempt to drive home the advantages of

Labour rebels aim to wreck devolution Bills in guillotine vote

Labour opponents of devolution for Scotland and Wales last night kept up their psychological warfare against the Government, and reasserted their confidence that the Bills can bet wrecked in the key "guillotine " votes tomorrow.

Last night's votes on second reading were seen by the rebels es opening skirmishes; only tomorrow, they said, would the full impact be seen of Labour opposition or abstention, with Tory opposition, and the smattering of minor parties oppos-

It was learnt that the Tories. scenting blood, are bringing back all their MPs from the European Assembly at Strasbourg. There is apparently to be no "pairing" of the sick.

Mr Enoch Powell, MP for Down, South, confirmed vester-day that all six Ulster Unionists ment on both Bills and on the guillotine. Their opposition would be maintained for as long as Ulster remained without its own devolved administration.

be brought down, of course, un-less Mr Callaghan chooses to make the vote an issue of confidence. Loss of both the Wales and Scotland Bills, which is what would inevitably follow the loss of guillorine motions, would, however, be the next worse thing to loss of confi-

The Government whips said to remain confident. All Labour MPs have been privately warned of the seriousness of tearing a hole in the legislative

Mr Steel, the Liberal leader. has indicated that the Liberal pact with Labour might col-lapse if the devolution Bills were lost. The absence of a formal vote of no confidence should not lead Labour's rebels "to imagine that the Govern-ment could continue in office" if it failed to get the Bills, he stated.

stated.

Mr Colin Phipps, Labour MP for Dudley, West, and unofficial whip for the Labour rebels, was hoping for 20 Labour votes against, and perhaps 10 abstentions. He said he needed "a net vote of 25" to halt the Bills at guillotine and "we are pulling out all the we are pulling out all the stops " for Wednesday. stops Parliamentary report, page 10

University branch, East Anglia, complained that the policy would mean tolerating even the National Front Non-socialist countries would help the hos-tile political parties to bring down a socialist government. Only parties willing to work

Revolution was meant be an irrevocable step, and the party should ensure that it was. Mr. Alan Baker, Wales district, opposing the amendment, said they could not expect a large section of the population to vote them into power if they were then to have all means of expressing their opinions cut off.

Fraternal greetings were conveyed to the conference by delegates from Chile. Cyprus, Israel and Palestine. Declarations were passed con-emning the "barbarous bomb-

of North Sea oil as the key to viable independence.

The economic outlook is brightening, ironically by courtesy of North Sea oil, and if the Government is able to translate that into more jobs and a clear improvement in the Scots' lot, the impetus towards independence could be further defused.

Total independence never has

been the wish of a majority in Scotland but as the SNP points out, it is now the wish of a

growing minority.
The anni-devolutionists sense

that they will have strong cards at the referendum. Opinion polls suggest that Scotland would prefer an assembly with

would prefer an assembly with more power than the Government is prepared to allow; what has been offered in the sleeker and improved BiH could still be seen as an expensive way of altering Scottish government. There will be storm clouds overhanging its future, they say, when the overall costs of government are added up. The basic bill will be at least £10m, paid presumably from the block

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grant. A further layer of civil servants will be required or an expensive reorganization of the

recently reorganized local gov-

ernment service.

If the assembly is given tax-raising powers, that will remove

more from Scottish pockets un-less a system of raising revenue

is discovered that costs nothing. That may all coincide with an

rates and the adjustment in pay-

ment to local councillors as a

result of the Robinson commit-

tee recommendations.
A Scottish assembly that even

appears to be putting up the

cost of government can expect

to have to fight hard for

popularity and the doubters are

likely to point out that the price

of providing a more democratic

watch on the workings of the Scottish Office is too high. Will the emotional wish for an assembly survive the bill in-

curred, they ask.

curred, they ask.

Rightly or wrongly the argument against devolution says that the risk of giving the assembly economic powers, a share of the oil revenues and the right to legislate without being overruled by Westminster would be even greater for the unity of Britain.

unity of Britain. Next: Options for Shetlands

Communists deplore Soviet lack

The Soviet Union was criticized for its lack of political parties at the Communist London vesterday.

gate for the south-east Lewisham branch, London, said the Stalinist era illustrated clearly the need for a plurality of parties. Today the Soviet Union had 10,000 prisoners of

Although the German Demo-cratic Republic was said to have five or six political par-ties, they were all dominated by the Communist Party and could not be described as independent.

The 400 delegates were de the 400 delegates were de-bating whether a socialist state should tolerate all democratic political parties, "including those hostile to socialism", as suggested in the new draft of the party's programme, The British Road to Socialism.

was a contradiction in

ing carried out by the Israeli war planes "last week, and sup-porting the firemen's "justified demand" for an increase of 30 per cent basic.

CBI CONFERENCE/BRIGHTON_

Employers want pay reform talks with TUC and Government but big minority dissents

The Confederation of British Industry resolved yesterday at the opening day of its conference at Brighton to seek immediate talks with the Government and the TilC to undertake a sweeping reform of the method and timing of pay negotiations.

·But the resolution was passed by a two-to-one majority, only after a barrage of calls for its

after a barrage of calls for its rejection.

The CBI hopes to have a new system in place by early 1980, with fewer negotiating groups schieving synchronized settlements that fall due together in a short pay round. Settlements would be based on an annual reselveit by Consequent unions. analysis by Government, unions and employers of what the nation can afford; the structure and timing of the Budget would be railored to fit in with the overall

Mr John Methren. CBI director general. opening the pay debate, said: "What is decided here, if it leads to action, could transform the prospects of this nation. It could transform us from a negative, inward-looking nation into a prosperous, dynamic country second to none."

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To see the defects of today's wages system one had only to look at the present pay round. "Is this, by any stretch of the imagination, a same or a sensible way to run our affairs? With power cuts? With a firemen's strike?

"With half our home car market captured by European and Japanese car makers simply because we cannot produce? With the strike figures soaring, and everyone wondering whether the miners will be bought off, or will once more confront a government and possibly bring it down?"

It would take great determina-

down?"

It would take great determination from the Government, a massive effort from all employers,
and far more moderration from
unions if the Government's 10 per
cent target was to remain realistic.

Mr Methren commended the
CBI conference document, which
envisaged agreement with the TUC
on the broader direction of
change by early next year, to be
reinforced by the spring Budget
to influence pay bargaining from



Mr John Methven: 1980 target

next August. During 1979 there would be talks between unious, employers and the Government on how much of the national economic cake should go to wages; firms would start changing their settlement dates so that a short pay round could take place in the first three months of 1980. Mr Methven said there must be wider, understanding of the facts of economic life. "We do not want to create platforms on which ever-increasing pay settlements may be built. That is the dark and dangerous side of our current pay situation."

pay situation."

There was good reason, however, for believing that "a great many people in this country long for common sense and reason". The Government, to adopt sensible tax policies, had to keep down the level of public spending and control monetary growth. Managers and employers would have to act in a more united and determined way to redress the balance of power away from the trade uplons.

general, National Farmers Union, opposing the resolution, said it was advocating yet another form

of income policy.

It was suggesting that the power of organized labour to influence pay claims was irresistible. "We must refure that argument. There is growing evidence that the whole country is refuting it. Our policies must not be based on fear—fear that organized labour can neutralize good manage-ment."

ment."

Air David Rose, British Rail Board, said there had been deitherate evasion of phase two, vet the whole nation congratulated inself on the success of the policies. He appealed for "a restoration of sound standards in these matters".

Mr Peter Edwards, of the CBI's Yorkshire and Humberside regional council, proposed a return to free collective bargaing within industry. He said in

return to free collective bargaining within industry. He said it could be achieved without a high rate of inflation only by the establishment of a more equal balance of bargaining power between employer and employee. The basic reason why Britain's industrial performance was so poor was that they were trying to run an industrial economy against intense international competition under national rules, conditions and procedures that were more than a century out of date.

Mr John Porter, director of the Mr John Porter, director of the Engineering Employers Federation, said that aithough he sympathized with the plan's critics, the present system had contributed to our notorious inability to achieve high growth, high productivity, high real earnings or even high employment. We cannot afford inaction."

Summing up in favour of the CBI plan, Mr Alex Jurratt, chair-man of Reed International, said it was "not sufficient for us to was "not sufficient for us to express concern about influtionary pay claims and inflationary settlements if we do not seek to change the system which creates it". Who would lovest in more plant and machinery, he asked, when the cost of running it was increasing by overmanning and restrictive practices that were by-products of

out where is the incentive to the crease employment when the price of that employment is determined by the vagaries of trade union practice?

Employers did not have a free hand. They had obligations to government, to public opinion of to a sense of their own responsibilities. Trade unions had no such sense of obligation. They could break individual froms and the long-term employment prospects. long-term employment prospects of their members, but they did not break themselves.

Lord Watkinson. CBI president, told the conference before the rate was taken that the subject rote was taken that the subject was simply a discussion document that could be changed. The question was whether it should term the basis of talks with the Government and the TUC or whether the CBI should go back and start again. and start again.

Earlier, Vr Methyen, in in-opening address to the con-ference, deployed "the actions of certain groups of weakers
who semetimes in definite
of their national trade union
leaders attempt to hold the rest
of this nation to ransom in the
pursuit of their own solitsh interests." teresis"

Without mentioning any groups by name, be said. "Do after day we are being subjected to disruptive industrial action of a magnitude one seriousness of which a sophisticated society like ours should be ashamed. But this threat must be met.

"All of us have to re-dat, as many employers are now resisting figreely, and at the cost of a dramatic increase in the past three months in strikes and industrial disputes, traally unreasonable wage demands."

wage demands.

"Many of our members have had to cancel during the past few days coming to our conference hecause they are doing just this. But at least we know that in putuing up this fight for moderation we have the overwhelming support not only of the public but of millions of decent and responsible working negals who now believe

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The Government would not When energy runs out, page 21 Nationalists have four aims for agriculture

From Our Own Correspondent Edinburgh

The Scottish National Party yesterday proposes a ministry of farming and forestry for Scotland and an agriculture finance bank to help to bring underused land into good heart.

At a press conference in Edinburgh to launch the party's Edinburgh to launch the party's agricultural policy it was stated that bringing farming and forestry under one ministry to develop integrated land use might end the era of competition and hostility that the present arrangements sometimes upodived.

The policy document suggests that to increase output policies on land ownership and renure should be slanted to-wards the concept of the family farm, which is deeply rooted in Scottish tradition and has heen proved the most produc-tive unit in agriculture and the most socially beneficial.

A five-year production rolling programme should be underwritten by the Govern-

Nominations closed yesterday for the by-election at Bourne mouth, East, on November 24

Safety, White Resident); J. B. N. Goodwin (Lab); K. McKilliam (Nat Front); D. Matthew (L); J. P. Pratt (New Britain);

prices for both farmer and consumer; that would provide the farmer with the security ot increase production. A deficiency payment scheme

ment to secure long-term stable

and production grants for cattle and sheep-rearing are also proposed.

The policy has four aims: to make Scotland largely self-sufficient in the foodstuffs it can produce; to restore the land to its position as Scotland's primary productive resource; to build up an exportable surplus; and to ensure a secure plus; and to ensure a secure future for those working in the industry-

Mr Andrew Welsh, MP for Angus, South, and SNP parlia-Angus, South, and SNP parliamentary spokesman on agriculture, said agriculture already employs more people in Scotland than any other industry. Its efficiency was almost second to none in Europe, but it required a secure political framework in which to operate with clear, long-term spals for pro-

Bournemouth contenders

caused by the resignation of Mr
John Cordle over the Poulson
Affair. The six candidates are:
D. A. Atkinson (Con); W. G.
Books (Dem Monarchist, Public 10,661.

Edinburgh From the south it may seem

that devolution has joined the p isty hills, the pipes and thrift

as part of the popular Scottish identity.

If so, familiarity with the grave constitutional issue has

not bred confidence that the

Government's latest proposals will succeed when they are laid before Parliament, peremptorily guillotined and set to a

Seasoned observers of the

Scottish political mood when

asked to predict the outcome are apt to hedge their guess or

decline to make one. Both sides

of the argument share deep

uncertainty.
The line-up in Scotland is

much the same, most Labour MPs for and Conservative MPs

against the Bal, with a signifi-cant number from each camp

disagreeing with their party's line. The Scottish National Party will support the Bill in an almost disinterested way. What it seeks is independence,

but it accepts that a Scottish Assembly may be a useful stepping stone towards that end. The Liberals favour stronger

powers for the assembly but will support the Government this time, although detractors

horder.

expected south of the

The Prime Minister's appar-

ent reluctance to make the failure of the two Bills a

matter for a general election has made the position of some

There are some Labour mem-bers who will reluctantly sup-

port the Bill and the guillotine

motion and then campaign all

the more strongly against the

Bill at the referendum. Several

doubt that Mr Callaghan will

make an issue that directly

affects only a minority of the kingdom one of confidence.

pro-devolution lobby, already driven to resignations over

shifts in policy, may well resist a three-line whip. The party

in Scotland remains seriously

divided, with leading Tories

proposing a federal system for the entire United Kingdom and

Mr Edward Taylor, the opposi-

tion spokesman for Scottish

affairs, yielding only to the notion of an assembly of Scottish MPs meeting in Edinburgh.

Mrs Thatcher has strong

doubts about the need for the

assemblies in Scotland and

Among the Tories the strong

Scottish MPs uncertain.

Scottish views on devolution, 1: Doubts about Bill

SNP would like to force election

a general election.
If devolution becomes an issue of confidence—and there is no suggestion that the Liber-

als will make that a condition of their pact with the Governa general election among Lab-

our MPs in Scotland. The party

organization has perked up and

the Government's recent per-formance on the industrial front

has improved morale.

Moribund branches in the

stirring to a more confident air. but the keenest anxiety re-mains for the young and the new town voters. The trend

among them continues towards the SNP. Families who move

away from the old tenements to the new towns around the edge of Glasgow often change their politics with their address, and it is the SNP who usually gains.

Labour Party workers feel that the Prime Minister's re-

cent visit marked a turning point and say that in the most recent local by-elections the Labour Party had either held

the seat, often with a sharply

reduced majority, or held the Labour vote. The annihilations

of a year or more ago happen

less often.
The nationalists have lost some of their early rapid momentum. They are concen-

trating on policies and main-taining the support of about a

third of the Scottish vote, The

latest opinion poll, published yesterday, put Labour in the lead with 36 per cent, Conserva-

tives next with 30 per cent and the SNP third with 26 per cent.

mayed by the drop. The same decline has happened before

between elections and few seri-

ously believe that the party has

peaked or that in a general election the Scottish vote would

not be shared about equally

organization and can claim to

have achieved much for Scot-

independence is unadorned. The difficulty will be to persuade

Scots that that does not mean chaotic separation but merely a new constitutional arrangement

In an inflation-ridden, deeply

The SNP has built a lively

among the three parties.

with England.

Wales, but more important is dissatisfied country it was easier her central political aim of for the SNP to attack even the harrying and bringing down the institutions to which it sought Government. The SNP might be election, holding out the wealth

tempted into opposing the two of North Sea oil as the key to Bills if it thought there was a serious possibility of triggering The economic outlook is

of parties By Annabel Ferriman

Party's national congress in Mr Geoffrey Roberts, dele-

The document, criticized by some members as "reformist" and social democratic", suf-fered only one change at the hands of delegates. It will be voted on today, the last day of the congress.

An amendment to change the proposed policy of tolerating all democratic parties, including those opposed to socialism, was put forward by 15 districts. It was lost by more than 300 votes to 66.

Mr John Hoffman, East Midlands district, proposing the amendment, said that to insist on such a pc-licy as party strategy would be "to go into battle with our hands tied behind us". Events in Chile clearly showed its dangers.

Democraty was the process that opened up the road to socialism. To speak of demo-cratic parties hostile to social-

terms. Mr Francis Neerman, Essex

within the socialist constitution should be tolerated, he said.

Big tax cuts urged to reverse 'flight of talent' The "flight of talent" from Britain because of penal rates of taxation was emphasized by a number of speakers when the conference debated a resolution calling for big tax cuts as recommended in the CBI policy document, Britain means Business.

The resolution, which was car-ried unanimously, also called for the establishment of a stable business climate to provide manage-ment with the incentives and con-fidence to lead the way through greater efficiency and productivity to increased profitability and in-

restment.

The policy document says the CBI's aim is to reduce total taxation by 5 per cent of gross domestic product over five years, equivalent fo f6.000m at 1976-77 figures and permitting a cut of 30 per cent in the amount taken in income nax. It suggests that it would permit a cut in the top marginal rate of tax on earned income to 60 per cent by 1579-80, corresponding reductions in the other higher tax rates, a cut in the basic rate to 28 per cent, reduction of the investment income surcharge and of taxes on capital. Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman of Cadbury Schweppes Ltd, moving the resolution, said the proposals "would give us rough compara-"would give us rough compara-bility with our EEC competitors; so we are asking for parity, not privilege". privilege",
Absurd marginal rates of tax
discouraged taking on responsi-

Talks with TUC

next few weeks

be seen to mean "what com-

Continued from page 1

expected in

bility and hard work and en-couraged cash-earning occupations on the side. The same was true of our system of controls.

Price controls subsidized con-sumption now at the expense of investment for the future. Divi-dend controls immobilized the re-sources available for investment during a period of rapid technical and economic change.

and economic change. "Tax and controls have com-bined to reduce the contribution to employment and to the coun-try's wealth from small businesses to levels well below those of the United States, Germany and France. The highest capital and personal taxes in Europe have prevented new small businesses from being formed and sturted the growth of existing ones. " Tax and controls have com-

The immediate problem in Bridsh industry was not lack of investment but the poor use made of it. Management must remedy overnaming.

"A determined drive on improving efficiency could add to industrial unemployment in the short run, but the lesson of history is that increases in productivity and employment have gone hand in hand."

My Peter Reliev of U.T.

Air Peter Balley, of U.T.U. Pack (Holdings) Ltd. introduced a recohardenings the Government to reduce the highest rate of taxation on both earned and unearned income to a maximum of 50 per cent. He said the present tax rates damaged the economy and caused

a light from the country of people with talent: doctors, dentities, engineers. Craftsmen and those with vital industrial skills, so Stone Platts Industries and chairman of the CBI production committee, introduced another resolution urging industry to take the lead in a drive for greater of furthers and com-

for greater efficiency and com-petitiveness in particular by tack-ling overmanning

He said productivity was often just as had in offices and in management as on the shop floor. Too many were producing too little. Most other difficulties would nutomatically fade away it productivity could be improved.

productivity could be improved.

The status and rewards of these on the shop floor who produced the real wealth must be improved at the expense of those who did nothing but largely consume the results of their efforts.

Mr Alfred Gooding, chairman of A. J. Gooding Group told the conference: "I wonder how many of you realize what the top rates of taxadon mean to me. They mean fifs to buy a pint of beer, £250 for my wife to have her main done; and you are looking at £10,000 worth of gear I am wearing."

Mr Michael Edwardes, of British Leyland, supporting the reduction of the top rate of tax to 50 per cent, said the penal rates were crippling the country. It was ridiculous that Britain's talent was

being driven overseas. "These people are still leaving in their thousands, not because there is more challenge overseas but be-cause of the lack of after-tax reward in this country." reward in this country."

Air David Davia, Enance director of Garton, Sons and Co, said Britain might be approaching a "major crisis of capitalism". He said: "It is not the monopoly power of capital causing the decline but the monopoly power of some of the unions. It is not oppression by the bosses we are witnessing but oppression by the bureautracies. It is excessive state spending, excessive legislation and, above all, excessive taxation, that are killing our indus-

tion and, above all, excessive taxa-tion, that are killing our indus-tries."

The next downturn would be worse than the last and more busi-nesses would go over the financial brink, many straight into the arms of the National Enterprise Board. "It is the CBI's prigary duty to consure that this situation never

onsure that this situation never comes to pass."

Mr Zach Brierley, chairmen of Z. Brierley Ltd, summing up the debate, said there was controvers, over whether the top rates of taxation should be cut to 60 per cent or 50 per cent. He believed that anything over 50 per cent. began to move into the realms of confiscation.

He promised that those resolu-

Unanimous call for moderation on wages

Mr H. B. Greenborough, deputy president of the CBI, called for national discipline to prevent sectional linerests from seeking short-lived benefits at the expense of others. "What we desperately need is for the entire nation to become a confederation of Bridish enterprise. We must of Bridsh enterprise. We must show that we mean business." show that we mean business."

He was proposing two resolutions: the first, carried with only one or two dissenting hands, urged the Covernment to give priority to reducing inflation and to use the opportunities provided by North Sea Oil and a favourable business the means to achieve lasting prosperity on the basis of policies set out in the CBI policy document, Britain means Business.

The second resolution, which

The second resolution, which was carried, unanimously, urged the Government, employers and trade union movement to strive for moderation in pay increases. Both resolutions will be referred to the CBI's governing council for further action. Mr Greenborough, depmy chairman and managing director of Shell UK Ltd; said that over the past two years Britain had applied a tourniquer to hyperinflation, but the aim must be the total elimination of the matignancy of the disease.

be seen to mean "what companies must afford".

Mr Gerald Mortimer, deputy chairman of Consolidated Goldfields, gave a warning against what he described as a "syndicalist approach", and said such measures would continue to add to the erosion of differentials.

Mr Fane Vernon, chairman and managing director of Ash and Lacy, a Midlands firm, raised lond applause when he said be wanted nothing more to do with union leaders. "The only power the minons have is to throw a spanner in the works", he said.

"The Government must stop talking to the trade union leaders as though they were the leaders of industry, which they are not."

The motion had been proposed by Mr John Mediven during a tough speech in which he described the present system of pay bargaining as a total failure. It had led to consistently high inflation, lost production, industrial disruption and all the factors that made it welfnigh impossible to compete in the markesplace.

The present pay round had led to power cuts, a firemen's strike, and soaring strike figures. Everyone was now wondering whether the miners would be bought off or would once more confront the Government and possibly bring it down.

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said they must spread the message that businessmen were ordinary people interested in Britain's welfare and not antisocial bogeymen. Mr Michnel Feliden, director general, British Footwear Manufacturers' Federation, said that 4,500,000 of the 7,500,000 people employed in industry worked in high labour-cost concerns. If the country wanted an acceptable level of employment it was necessary to preserve the future of those industries.

He could see no alternative to rigid selective import controls on the few comaries that were distributing employment in plant industries. "If you lose an old plant industry you will never get it started again."

Mr Richard Lloyd, of Williams and Glyn's Bank, said that CBI members in the francial service industries (banking, shipping, insurance) should "come our from the shadows". The challenge from trade unionism was growing faster in the white-collar areas and there was the threat of nationalization. The old distinction between the City and industry was fading fast.

Sir Henry Plumb, president National Farmers' Union, said those who believed that in six weeks' time Britain would be fully inside the "Common Marker" could not be more mistaken. As far as agriculture was concerned, on January 1, 1978, Britain would be even farther from operating a common policy than it was on January 1, 1973.

The division of the EEC into seven separate monetary levels meant there were seven different price levels. In three big sectors of agricultural production—beef, milk and pig mear—farmers were suffering from the EEC's failure to resolve the monetary question. Much of the blame for first attached to the British Government's policies.

Sir George Burton, of Fisons, chairman of the CBP's overseas committee, said they were dis-

appointed with the insignificance of the relaxation of foreign exchange control in the Chancellor's recept measures.

Sir Michael Clapham, vice president of the CBI said the Government must play a more pushive role in the development of the EEC. Britain had been breaking the Community's rules over the transfer of capital on the ground that Britain had a precarious balance of payments. The balance is strong now, so we demand freedom to invest anywhere in the EEC."

Mir Ronald Haismad, chairman of Beechams, said the new price control legislation put a lot of power in the hands of very few people and had created uncertainty in business. There was no economic justification for price controls, which were "a confidence trick on the consumer and extremely damaging to British Industry".

Mir Ray Pennock, deputy chairman of ICI, said employers accepted without reservation that wages had to be kept in check if inflation was so be conquered. The Government had preached well on

had to be kept in check if infla-ation was to be conquered. The Government had preached well on pay moderation, especially in the public sector, but if remained to be seen if it would practise what it had preached. Rises in basic pay of 10 per cent followed by loosely defined productivity deals "could be the fastest road to ruin since 1974".

The absence of jobs was a scourge and a shame and, after curbing inflation, the next priority was to create them. But job-cre-ation schemes were at best a

ation schemes were at best a palliative and at worse a cruel deception. Jobs had to be created by winning orders in world markets and producing goods other people wanted. The output of a British worker

was only two-thirds that of a German worker, half that of an American, and one fifth that of a Japanese. North Sea oil provided only a crurch.

Market economy 'essential for prosperity and freedom'

nesses.
Mr Trevor Holdsworth, managing director of Guest Keen and Nettle-fold and chairman of the CBI's state intervention committee. Proposed the motion. He said that the market economy had not falled.

As a generator of wealth for millions it had succeeded as no other system had.

The vast majority of people en-loyed a prosperity which only the rich could expect 30 years ago. The immense wealth of Europe, the United States and Japan was proof that capiltaism had successfully harnessed entreprenential and managerial talent and initia-tive to provide material confortive to provide material comfort.
But it was not only for wealthcreation that a free-enterprise

inch of the way."

Mir G. A. Bingham, of Stanley Blythen and Co. chairman of the CBI's East Middends regional council, said he did not believe the nation could berrow itself out of trouble. "The somer we start cutting our cloth she beater it will be."

Mir Frank Ward, managing director of Ward Brothers (Sherbuzz) Ltd, said a stage had been reached where nobody had any faith in the country. All blumed each other. In wartine everyone had pulled together as a team and won. A different war was being fought today.

the United Kingdom.

Mr David Nickson, of William Collins and Sons, Glasgow, said the devolution Bills were designed as political expedients to put out the fires of national aspirations. The Bills were irrelevant to the needs of the nation.

Mr Ronald Lyne, of A.N. & S. Europe Ltd, Bristot, uged the CBI to launch a three-year programme of publicity to tell the British public about the value of industry.

Sir Denis Rooke, charman of the British Gas Corporation, said that if the nationalized industries were not well managed the improvement in British Industry.

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The conference unantimously car-ried a resolution asserting that Britain was grossly over-governed and emphasizing that the encour-agement of a free-market economy

was essential to national prosperity and the preservation of a free society. The resolution demanded that the Government stem the flood of

the Government stem the flood of legislation strangling trade, finance and industry, stop further disruptive intervention in business, and maintain the real total of public expenditure at the present level so that economic growth meant an increase in the resources available to individuals and businesses.

system was necessary. It was essential if Britan was to remain a free society. Little by little both the well intentioned and the malevolent were reducing freedom of retire of action.

The state's increasing claims on the nation's wealth had stifled initiative and enterprise and held back industry and commerce. That trend must be reversed. A freezing of the level of public spending would, given a growing economy, bring about a shift of resources bac into the private sector and a reduction in transfer. Mr Derek Gaulter, of the Federa-

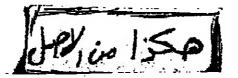
tors, told delegates that they Engineering Ltd. Brechin, said in lived, in employment terms, in an anti-devolution speech that era of public affinence and private squalor.

Last month the Lebour Party the Commons vote on a Scornich land advanted transport to the Commons of th Last month the Lebour Party had adopted proposals for nationalization of some large contractors and the introduction of more direct labour. Those proposals would be fought "every inch of the way".

Mr. G. A. Ringham of Stanland assembly. The running costs of an assembly would mean more taxes and the seeds of conflict would be sown which would beak up the United Kingdom.

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Or William MacFarlane, of Matrix would be set back mightly



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OVERSEAS.

From Edward Mornimer Tunis, Nov 14

conference here.

An Arab summit conference,

the eighth of its kind, is to be

held on February 15. This was

the main decision of the three-

The summit will be preceded

day Arab foreign ministers'

by meetings of defence and

economic ministers in the first

half of January and then a

These decisions constitute a

victory for Egypt which has

been resisting pressure from

some other Arab states, notably

Syria and Libya, to hold an immediate summir to define Arab strategy in the present stage of the conflict with Israel.

Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egypt-ian Foreign Minister, argued that to hold a summit without first making a careful study of the Arab world's present mili-tary and economic capabilities

would result in the adoption of purely verbal positions without achieving anything in practice. Behind this argument lie Egypt-

ian fears that a summit would be used to impose an over-rigid

Arab position and thus prevent

any further progress towards a peaceful settlement with Israel.

Egyptian officials were en-cruraged that Syria did not press the point, and empha-sized that Mr Fahmi and his

Syrian colleague, Mr Abdal-halim Khaddam, had presented

a united front against an attack from the Iraqi Minister, Dr. Saadoun Hamadi, on the whole present strategy of seeking a peaceful settlement.

The Iraqi view is that a sum-

mit on strategy is fairly point-less so long as there are funda-

mental differences between the approaches of the various Arab

states. By contrast, Iraq favours a summit on Arab economic

cooperation and it was agreed that the possibility of holding one should be studied at the February summit.

By Our Diplomatic

moves to arrange a meeting in Malta of Rhodesian military commanders and leaders of the Patriotic Front nationalist

Lusaka, Nov 14.—Mr Joshus Nkomo, joint leader of the Patrionic Front, said today that the Anglo-American settlement plan had failed and indicated

that he would push for a direct handover of power to the guer-rilla forces of the Front. He said Mr Smith was res-ponsible for the setback over the Make talks.—Reuter.

Correspondent -

further meeting of foreign min-

Egyptians succeed in

delegations graciously accepted

would have to refer it to their

name but one head of state, would wish to go to Libya, a country which has consistently advocated and several times

attempted to overthrow his

An alternative proposal which

may ultimately find favour is to hold the summit at the Arab

league headquarters in Cairo

like the one last year which

formally ended the Lebanese

None the less, the fact that Tripoli has been discussed as a

site is a sign of the much improved relations between Libya and its Arab neighbours.

particularly Egypt and Sudan. The foreign ministers of the three countries held a separate

posts within two weeks.

The conference also agreed to condemn the Israeli air raids on southern Lebanon and other Israeli "infringements" of

prevent Israel from making

further such military incur-sions.. But at the same time it

called for the application of the Cairo and Shtoura agree-

ments between Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organi-

zation which among other things implies the withdrawal of Palestinian forces from south-

yesterday in an air attack on Mapai, in Mozambique's Gaza province, the Mozambique information agency said.

The report was denied in Salisbury by a Rhodesian military molecular will?

Angola 'plot' denied: In Brus-sels a spokesman-for General Alexander Haig, Commander of Nato in Europe, dismissed as "ridiculous" a Tass allegation that he had plotted with South

Africa to overthrow the Ango-

lan government.
Tass said in Moscow today

that secret plans for subversive operations had been made at a meeting in Zurich in July, 1976.

The meeting was attended by Dr Kissinger, then United States Secretary of State, General Haig and Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister.

tary spokesman.--UPI

ern Lebanon.

February summit.

The site of the summit has Libya roday reestablished diployet to be decided, Libya has aftered Tripoli, but while most agency reported.—Reuter.

Dr Owen consults US on

next Rhodesia step

delaying Arab

By George Clark Political Correspondent

In a speech devoted mainly to the prospects of the European Community, Mr Callaghan last night welcomed the applications by Greece, Portugal and Spain to join the EEC.

"We believe it will have the effect of buttressing democracy in those states, although they recognize, as we do, that the problems that will have to be solved will take some time", the Prime Minister said at the Lord Mayor's banquet

"Our purpose in supporting their applications is to strengthen the representative character of the Community not to dilute or weaken it. Indeed, none of the changes which we wish to see will weaken the Community", he said.

Turning to the problems facing the EEC, he said that "in the common, as well as in the national interest, we seek a of the common agricultural policy."

The seas around Britain were a source of food and, for a significant but finite period, of energy. Therefore, a common energy policy should take full account of Britain's emphasis as a producer as well as of the interests of all member states as consumers

Tackling the present dispute about fishing, Mr Callaghan soid: "It also happens that about 60 per cent of all the Tishery resources in the European Community are within the 200-mile limit around our

"No common fisheries policy "No common fisheries policy unemployment which does not take that factor prices."

British and Irish sources denied today that an EEC agreement under which mem-

ber states may take temporary national measures to control

fishing in their waters will expire at the end of the year. That is the claim of both their EEC partners and Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the European Commissioner responsible for lighteries.

fisheries. Mr Sikin, the Minister of

Agriculture, considers that the agreement, concluded in October of last year in The Hague, will remain in force until the

From Charles Hararove

This year's harvest in the

vineyards of Bordeaux is one of the smallest since 1946-less

than half a normal harvest and

a third of the exceptionally big one of 1976. But thanks to

Between 1970 and 1975, this

mational groups joined in the

Then came the record har-

vest of 1973, the oil crisis, the scandal of the Cruse firm, one

of the most venerable of the

celebrated Quai des Chartrons, the aristocracy of the wine

Paris, Nov 14

From Michael Hornsby

Brussels, Nov 14

Britain disputes EEC view

on duration of fish pact

off excessive price increases

accepted as fair by our fishing industry, which is afready suffering from its exclusion from similar 200-mile zones

Recalling that the ideal of a united Europe was born in the aftermath of two world wars, Mr Callaghan said that "with hindsight, we can see that per-haps the founding fathers were paying too much attention to the finished spire of the cathedral and too little to the foundations:

"Europe has never lacked for erchitects; but it may need moreb uilders."

Although Mr Callaghan's speech charted the future course of the EEC; it was regarded as extremely significant by pro-European politicians that the Prime Minister made no mention of the Govern-ment's intentions on direct elections to the European Parliament.

The target date is set for May or June next year, but even the most enthusiastic pro-Euro me most enthusiastic pro-Euro-pean MPs now accept that Britain will not meet the dead-line, and that Mr Callaghan wants to delay the European elections until after the British general election.

Turning to Britain, Mr Cal-laghan said that during Jubilee Year overseeas confidence in Britain had grown...

There is a big job still to be done in reducing inflation, in increasing levels of produc-tivity, in being more aggressive in oversess markets, in reducing unemployment.

"We have won some import ant battles against inflation and are well placed to win more. "But the real victory will come when we achieve and maintain a steady and con-tinuous period of growth in our economy, a much lower level of

Nine agree on how they are to exploit and share out the fish stocks in their new 200-mile limits.

Although the key paragraph of agreement refers to "the year 1977", there seems to be some room for legal dispute as

to whether this means it is only valid for that year.

If Britain's parmers refuse to

renew The Hague provisions at the end of the year, and Britain is unable to accept the terms of a new common fisheries policy, the Government would have little choice but to impose

Wine growers and dealers combine to ward

Kidnappers get £1.1m for Austrian

Reunion for Herr Palmers and his wife Gunilla in Vienna,

The family of Herr Walter Michael Palmers, the 74-year-old Austrian textile magnate who was released early this morning by the kidnappers who had held him for four days and the statement of 31m days and the statement of 31m days are statement. days, paid a ransom of 31m schillings £1.1m). He was found by his son in an hotel

here. Herr Palmers, a multi-millionaire whose empire is built on a chain of lingerie stores and laundries, Said after his release that he had been well

Fresh start on

in Strasbourg

Talks about the future of Gibralust are to be held in Strasbourg later this month between Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and Sedor Oreja, the Spanish Foreign Minister, with representatives of Gibral-

tar present.
The meeting, which is seen

as marking a fresh start after the long and rather acri-monious record of discussions on. Gibraltar, will be on November 24.

November 24. The Gibraltarian represent

atives will be Sir Joshua Hassan, the Chief Minister, and Mr Maurice Xiberras, Leader of the Opposition:

Gibraltar

nappers, said to be two or three men and a woman, were educated people with German rather than Austrian accents. Austrian security services

rather than Austrian accents.

He had been held prisoner in a room 7ft by 4ft, probably in Vienna and not far from a tram stop. He had not been allowed to hear news bulletins but had been fed regularly.

Herr Palmers, who suffers from a mild beart complaint and who will be 75 next week but still works full time in his business, was said by his docbusiness, was said by his doc-tor to be reasonably fit despite

slight shock.

The Palmers family, who negotiated his release with the kidnappers, said that they had received a letter stating conditions after they made a radio and television appeal on Friday. Later they had received a photograph as evidence that

Herr Palmers was still alive. The ransom is believed to have been handed over yesterday afternoon by a member of the

suspect that the kidnapping might be the work of an organization associated with the West German Red Army Faction terrorist group.

In contrast to the Durch police, who are still treating the kidnapping in Amsterdam of Mr Maurits Caransa, the property magnate, as a purely criminal affair, the Austrians elieve that factors such as the

searching for, their German accents, their intelligence and the currencies in which they demanded payment could indicate that the terrorists have found a new way of raising funds.

Ecologists could decide result of French poll

From Ian Murray Paris, Nov 14

France's ecological move-ment with make no electroral pacts with the main parties in the forthcoming elections. They decided at their conference in Multiouse over the weekend that they would put up their own candidates wherever they

own candidates wherever they could.

The ecologists expect to win about 3 per cent of the vote in the first round of the elections and if, as seems likely, polling between the main parties is that the left will win most votes in the first round of the elections and if, as seems likely, polling that the left will win most votes in the first round of the elections and that the covernment could be crucial to the result of the final round.

Their leaders said at the end of the conference that the parties of both the right and left represented a form of would mean that in any commandegement of society which bination the Government the movement wanted to perties' candidate could expect

the movement wanted to change. It would be the job of their 100 or so candidates to put forward the ideas of that society and not to make any concessions to the big parties.

The "green candidates" will in the first round.

be equipped for their campaign with a book which is to be published at the turn of the year setting out the ecological movement's ideas for a new society. The book will not set out readymade answers to the problems of the world, but will seek to set out the arguments in a way that could lead to consultation to produce a solution.

Dr Owen, the Foregin Secretary, discussed Rhodesia with Mr Richard Moose, assistant under-secretary at the State Department, and other American officials yesterday. Field Marshal Lord: Carver, the British Commissioner-designate for Rhodesia, was also present. They considered what to do next after the failure of British

Paris driving instructors stop the traffic

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Nov 14 Paris rush-hour traffic, never Paris rush-hour trathe, never particularly fast moving, was brought to a standstill in many areas this morning by 850 driving school cars. The driving instructors were protesting against the difficulty in earning

a living at present rates. The 850 cars filtered into the traffic at seven of the main entrances to the city, and on some avenues in the sixteenth district and then crawled.

The cars were then parked in the Place des Invalides and 1,350 instructors and school owners went to the Ministry of Prices to lodge their complaint.
They want the hotaly tariff
of a lesson raised from 50 to
60 francs (£5.75 to £6.93)

fire on train

Freilassing, W Germany, Nov 14. A fire apparently started de-liberately destroyed two car-riages of the Hellas trans-Euro-pean express train early today after it made an emergency stop on its journey from Dortmund on Athens near the West Gerto Athens near the West Ger-man-Austrian frontier.

The two carriages destroyed were owned by the Yugoslav state railway and a Greek carriage was damaged.—AP.

biggest pressure group.

the left is still uncertain.

The left is also expected to

after their jail terms expire.

Passengers flee

Grand old New York store's final summit until February reductions

From Michael Leapman New York, Nov 14 Special sales, offering absohome governments. In fact, it lucely final reductions, are no a thought very unlikely that rose thing in the frenzied field King Hassan of Morocco, to of New York retailing. However, one which starrs on Thursday will have particular poig-nancy, it is the absolutely final closing-down sale of Aber-cromble and Fitch, the fashion and sporting goods store with the elegant dark brown facia on Madison Avenue, which has been part of high-style Man-harran living for 85 years. Last year, after more than a decade of difficulty, the chain

of nine Abertrombie stores filed for bankruptcy. In the period since then, attempts have been made to shore up the organization. They came to nothing when the First National Bank of Chicago, to which the firm already owed 55m (£3.3m) refused to lend the extra 52m needed to tide things over until Christmas
Five of the group's

stores across the country have closed in the last formight. The closed in the last formight. The remaining four will start their closing-down sales this week, and should be out of husiness by the end of the year. The Madison Avenue store, built for the company in 1917, will be sold.

meeting during the conterence at which it was agreed to restore diplomatic "and natural" relations between Sudan and Libya (severed last year after President Numeirr of Sudan blamed Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, for an attempt to overthrow him). It was also agreed that the heads of the Egyptian and Libyan "relations offices" (equivalent to embassies) in Tripoli and Cairo should return to their posts within two weeks. A feature of the Madison Avenue building is a mock los cabin on the top floor in which Mr Ezra Fitch, one of the founders, used to live. It typifies the world of the American outdoors and its well-hee'ed sporting enthusiasts for which the store once so successfully called on the great powers and all member states of the United Nations to take all measures to catered.

Its former customers include some of America's most notable men. President Roosevelt went safari and at least three other Presidents — Wilson, Eisenhower and Kenneds—are known to have shooned there for rifles. Herbert Hoover bough fishing gear there and Ernest Hemingway conducted his outdoor pursuits clothed and equipped by Abarcrambie and Fitch. Charles Lindbergh Aralia Farham process. and Amelia Earthart wrapped up warm for their early avia-tion feats in gear bought from the store.

It soon broadened its runne to include clothing which sportsmen and women could sport when engaged in less bought fishing gear there and heavy tweed suits and cashmere sweaters—mostly from Britain—and those highly-polished brown broques which wealthy Americans wear in their all-male mock-gothic

In the last decade, though, New York retailing has been altered by the arrival of heavily competitive cut-price stores selling much the same goods as the older-established outlist. At the same time hunting, shooting and fishing have ceased to become eluist pastimes.

Hundreds and thousands of American men now take to the woods and streams with their guns and rods, but they do not buy them in Madison Avenue. They get them in huge discount department stores in the shopwhat Aberecrombie and Fitch

What Abercerombie and Fitch offered with their merchandise were dedicated, cordial and knowledgeable salesmen who would discuss a puchaser's requirements with depth and insight. Most modern American cans are prepared to forgo that service in favour of a sharply reduced price, and the store never really came to terms with

that he would push for a direct handover of power to the guerrilla forces of the Front. He said Mr Smith was responsible for the setback over the Make talks.—Reuter. Dar es Salaam, Nov 14.— Two Rhodesian jet fighters and a helicopter were shot down Algerians 'taken as reprisal for

Manila hotel fire fanned by typhoon claims 44 lives

Manila, Nov 14.—Fire swept through a leading Manila hotel during a typhoon today killing at least 44 people, officials reported. Several of the dead were foreign tourisms who panicked and leapt from the roof of the seven-storey Filippinas hotel overlooking Manila Bay.

Police were investigating reported by a Carnel lit by a German found in backrooms. Typhoon Kim, with gusts of couple in a fifth-floor room after a power blackout hit the little occupied at the time by Luzon last night and this morning leaving a girl dead and

Bay.

Police were investigating reports that the fire was started by a candle lit by a German couple in a fairfi-floor room after a power blackout hit the hotel, occupied at the sime by more than 200 people.

But Mr William Oliver, of California, said power was on at the time and the time.

But Mr William Oliver, of California, said power was on at the time and that he used silfit to escape.

Most of the victims were apparently trapped by the flames. Some survivors said they had found the fire exit doors locked and they escaped through the starways.

The typhoon apparently whipped up the flames which soon leapt to the sixth and

French hostages' Paris, Nov 14.—Two Algerians were kidnapped in a suburb here last night by an extreme right-wing organization calling itself the Charles Martel Committee, an anonymous telephone

caller told Agence France-Presse today.

He said they were being held against the lives of two Frenchmen kidnapped by the Polisario Front Saharan liberation movement last month in raids near the Mauritanian iron mining town of Zouerate. ing leaving a girl dead and 10,000 people homeless, offic-10,000 people noncess
ists reported.

Among the homeless were
300 families whose houses were
swamped by tidal waves in the
Camarines Norte province, 140
miles south-east of here.

Weekend cyclone: South-

The caller said the Algerians would suffer exactly the same fate as the kidnapped Frenchmen.

In December, 1973, the Charles Martel Committee claimed responsibility for a bomb explosion in the Algerian consulate in Marseilles in which four people were killed and more than 20 wounded. Its aim is "10 save France from the disaster of the Algerian (immi-grant) invasion.".

Another rope found before terrorist's death

Munich, Nov 14.—Bavarian authorities said today that they confiscated a makeshift rope from the prison quarters of Ingrid Schubert, the Baader-Meinhof terrorist, just a few hours before she committed

suicide at the weekend.

A Justice Ministry spokesman said the rope, made of twisted strands of bed sheets, was hidden under a toiles in a tick ward occupied by Fraud Schubert in Munich'ss Stadelheim jail.

She was then moved to another cell, where she was found hanging from the window bars with bed sheets wound round her neck on Saturday night.-

an unusually suony autumn, it is of high quality. The growers, who had renovated their chateaux and houses, heavily invested in new This combination of penury and quality should normally have produced a flare-up of prices, if the past pattern held But things have changed in the Bordelais. The wine trade has forsworn speculation and decided to discipline itself.

Between 1970 and 1975, this fluctuation in prices was responsible for the great Bordeaux wine crisis. Everyone wanted Bordeaux, and there was not enough to go round. Wines from other regions were then surreptitiously baptized "Bordeaux". Wines were bought up purely for speculation. Prices doubled trebled, or even quadrupled in a few weeks. Intermational groups joined in the Bordeaux vines and started a series of reforms which led in 1976 to the self-denying ordinance of the contract of

Small but choice Bordeaux harvest

One of them, M Jean-Paul Jauffret, was even elected president of the Council of

equipment, and extended their acreage, were up to their ears in debt. The quip in Bordeaux a couple of years ago, was that 90 per cent of the Bordeaux vineyards belonged to the Crédit Agricole, and 90 per cent of the trade to other banks. decided to discipline itself. The "contract of Bordeaux", endorsed by both growers and dealers, which laid down guidelines for the fixing of prices, has proved its reliability, M Paul Glotin, the president of the Council of Bordeaux Wines, grouping growers, brokers, and dealers, has told the press. banks.

The crisis provoked a social and psychological revolution in Bordeaux, the proud dynasties of the Chararons were toppled from their eminence, and ple-being wine dealers took over.

ordinance of the contract of Bordeaux. It was not easy in a profise sion riddled with individuaties, distrust, and petty vivalties, to organize the greater part of 30,000 growers, and 400 dealers, who handle 40 Appellations d'origine, and the 3,000 odd châreaux wines, many no more than trade marks. But a limited harvest of good quainty when it would be in 1975, and a return of favour tell whether a normal harvest to Bordesux in the eyes of French and foreign customers, helped to neal the wounds.

From Patricia Clough

policy issues at the party con-gress in Hamburg this week.

Bonn, Nov 14

trade, and the bottom fell out of the market.

Dealers found themselves with their cellars full of wine bought at three to four times and stood the test well. Their the prices it would fetch in 1975, and many had to sell floor and ceiling prices their stock at a crippling loss. The strongest ones survived. The lesser breed were eliminated.

The growers, who had renovated their châteaux and houses, heavily invested in new production.

M Glotin emphasized that the new mechanisms to regulate the market had for two years been faced with penury and stood the test well. Their mainstay was the fixing of floor and ceiling prices their stock at a crippling loss. The strongest ones survived. This affected five main groups of generic Bordeaux, accounting production.

production. agreed for 1976 and 1977 Bordeaux and Bordeaux des côtes wines is 3,500 francs (£402) the barxel of 900 litres, the variation allowed being 10 per cent more or less. This means an increase of 40 per cent in price, spread over two years, in relation to the 1976 har-

For the consumer, it should mean an average price of 8 francs a borde, compared to 6.50 francs last year—or an increase of 25 per cent, also spread over two years. For Médocs, the prices vary between 4,600 and 5,600 francs a barrel. M Glotin said that the stocks on hand of some 4,000,000 hectolitres, about the equivalent of a normal year's harvest, would make it possible to supply the market normally, in spite of this year's shortfall, and check some tendencies to

He expected the agreed prices to be held. But the real test would come next spring, limited harvest of good quality when it would be possible to

going to rubber-stamp ideas handed down from above. The SPD is not a party for the reelection of the Chancellor, a leading left-winger commented drily.

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Herr Schmidt, the West Germany's man Chancellor, his statur: and popularity enhanced by his handling of the recent terrorist dramas, will now seek the backing of his Social Democratic Party (SPD) on major cratic Party (SPD) on major environmentalist pressure groups.

But the party's left-wing, the party appeared to be in sceptical of the Government's actions, has made it clear that the congress is not simply building licence for a nuclear

Spanish airport staff may

strike again From Our Correspondent Madrid, Nov 14 Spain's airports were back to normal today after a three-day strike by ground staff. But no pay agreement is in sight, which could mean another strike at the weekend.

The Government has rejected ground staff demands for miniground sourt demands for man-mum mouthly take-home pay of £200, which exceeds the 22 per cent pay rise ceiling set by the Opposition and the Government

in their economic pact last Señor Suárez, the Prime Minister, may, however, call an all-party meeting to discuss whether the pact in fact applies to the airport staff, who put in their claim several months before it came into force.

Brussels jail riot quelled

fore it came into force.

Brussels, Nov 14 Police stormed barricades and fired tear gas grenades to end a prison revolt here early today after about 140 prisoners rioted for 12 hours and set fire to mattresses, police sources said. About 100 armed police rushed to the jail at St Gilles and surrounded the rioters, who were protesting about conditions in the mineteenth century prison and demanding re-forms in the penal system.— Reuter.

The trade unions have also

clear energy programme, and, if necessary, would do so designed to produce the extra against the wishes of the party.

power which West Germany's Events, however, have composed in the 1880s. The bined to draw the two sides

colossal industrial machine will need in the 1980s. The programme is at present partially paralysed by court actions by the country's flourishing in Kiel last week, voted in favour of going ahead with six nuclear power stations at or close to the building stage and phe party appeared to be in puring off decisions about growne at least until the first board.

Dozens of passengers escaped unharmed, Bavarian police said

Docks pact will end delays in post from U.S. Herr Schmidt faces nuclear energy clash

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Nov 14 A six-week dock strike on the unions are the country's the East coast of the United States, which has affected postal services to and from Party leaders now hope that some kind of agreement can be worked out but the mood of Bratain, is expected to end at the weekend.
Negotiators for dockers in

northern Atlantic ports have agreed with employers on a settlement allowing for a 30 The left is also expected to raise objections during the discussion of internal security measures against terrorism, in particular against proposals to increase the scope for police telephone tapping and the preventive detantion of terrorists

per cent wage increase, and it is expected that similar agreements will be reached at other Atlantic ports.

The strike was a partial one, affecting only container ships. The dockers sought job security as well as increased payments to take account of the higher productivity resulting from containerization and aunomation. The strike was attached at other higher productivity resulting from containerization and aunomation. The strike was a partial one, affecting only container ships. Nevertheless, student productive the demonstrators.

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Pro-Shah demonstrators flown to Washington

From David Cross Washington, Nov 14

Weekend cyclone: South-eastern India was hit by a cy-

clone and torrential rains over the weekend claiming at least

350 lives. Agence France-Preses, AP and Reuter.

the United States.

After arriving at Williams-burg, Virginia, for rest and recreation today, the Shah is due in Washington monorrow leave to fly to Washington for talks with President Carter. the occasion.

The Shah's visit coincides

The students maintain that Washington, Nov 14 the Iranian Government is Supporters and opponents of coercing or bribing Iranians the Shah of Iran were today working in the United States to purting the final touches to come to Washington to demonstrations to mark his three-day visit to the United States to come to Washington to demonstrations to mark his three-day visit to can Air Force spokesmen has the United States and Air Force spokesmen has a can air Force spokesmen has a ca confirmed that more than 400 Iranian military staff training in Texas under an aid agreement have been given special leave to fly to Washington for

Shah is expected to tell Mr. Carter that his government will refrain from calling for a large increase this year.

In return he is expected to present a langithy shopping list for new aircraft and weapons. Among these are expected to be

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Coup plot behind Ethiopian's execution

Djibouti, Nov 14 .- The execution on Saturday of Ethiopia's deputy head of state was apparently carried out because he was planning a coup to slow the leftward shift of policy which has used Ethiopia closely to the Soviet Union in the past few months, informed sources here said today.

They said Lieutenant-Colonel

They said Lieutenant-Colonel Atnatu Abate, vice-chairman of the ruling military council, the Dergue, was planning to overthrow Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile-Mariam, the head of state, with the support of moderates in the 80-man council and a number of army units hostile to Colonel Mengistu's radical policies.

Reports of increasing hostility between the two colonels.

Reports of increasing hostility between the two colonels, who took supreme power in a gun battle at the Dergue headquarters in Addis Ababa in February, have persistently filtered across the border into Dijbout in recent weeks.

Colonel Atuatu moved his office earlier this year to the headquarters of the army's fourth division, whose responsibility is to defend the capital. He was attached to the division for 14 years and was considered its political leader.

Political observers here said traditional ethnic hostilities also played a part in the growning emnity between the two men. Colonel Atuafu, son of

men. Colonel Annafu, son of a priest from Gwejam province, belong to the Amharic ethnic group which has dominated Ethiopia in recent centuries. Colonel Mengistu is a Walamo, a clan of the Galla group which is the bisyest in the country numerically but which joised the ancient empire relatively late and often pire relatively late and often provided labour for Ambaric landlords.—Reuter. Nairobi, Nov 14.—The long

list of counter-revolutionary crimes attributed to Colonel

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sword to wipe out the enemies of the revolution.

The list of Colonel Amafn's "crimes" susgested that the scape for finding peon's guilty of copesing the march of the revolution was very wide.

The official text carried in today's Ethiopian newspapers chaounced him for wanting to slow the revolutionary struyels. Other wrone-doines included being in touch with the enemies of the revolution, includ-

mies of the revolution, including CIA agents, opposing sweeping CIA agents, opposing tweeping land reforms, conducting
himself with "feudal arroeance", advocating a military
dictatorship, suspensing reconciliation with political prisoners
so they could be freed and
ridiculing efforts to form a

Street demonstrations were staged throughout Somolia today in support of President Stad Rorre's decision to expel thousands of Soviet advisers and close their military facilities because of Russian support for Ethicoia, Mogedishu radio, menitored in Natrobi, said.

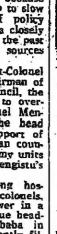
In a radio broadcest lest night, the Someli Government accused the Russians of "brazen interference" in the Corn of Africa, It also severed y ations with Cuba because of the alleged presence of Cuban troops in the Ethiopian side of the wer in the Ozeden territory.—Reuter and UPI.

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whose cooking left Prince Charles bedridden with food poisoning described the incident today as "the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to me."

Health officials said 30 of the
140 guests at the lunch here last Thursday were suffering from food poisoning. Five were in hospital. Mrs Pat Govers, aged



Amafu was thought by diplomatic observers to presage another extensive nurge.

Addis Abeba radio said yesterday that the milinary bougeois cless" would be pureed and there was a historical obligation to use the resolutionship.

Street demonstrations

Prince's cook 'embarrassed' Alice Springs, Australia, Nov

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45, who runs a private carering firm, said: "I have cooked for Prince Philip, Lord Snowdon and the American Ambassador. Never has anything like this happened before."—Reuter.

and leg-irons and locked around a metal grill, he said.
Major Snyman was giving evidence during the opening day of the inquest into the death of Mr Biko. The court heard that shortly before his death in police custody on September 12 Mr Biko had been found him on the floor of his in his eyes.

The court was also told that Mr Biko was kept naked in his cell for most of the time exrogated by the security police. Several police witnesses said Mr Biko refused most food that was put in front of him although there were signs that he did eat some bread and drink some

and with a large number of coup type and an abrasion on foreign and local pressmen the left forehead." As a result Prominent among those press of the brain injury centraliza-



Biko attacked his interrogators, inquest told

Prom Nicholas Ashford
Pretoria, Nov 14
Steve Bilto, the South African
Black Consciousness leader, had
to be overpowered when he
attacked the security police during an interrogation, Major
Harold Snyman of the Port Elizabeth security police alleged here today. After a struggle lasting several minutes Mr Biko was placed in handcuffs and leg-irons and locked around

found lying on the floor of his cell with foam around his mouth. He was breathing capidly and had a glazed look

eat some bread and drink some coffee.

The inquest began at 10 am in Pretoria's Old Synagogue which had previously been used for a number of black notifical trials. Long before the proceedings started the court was packed with a crowd of onlookers, most of them African, and with a large number of

ent were Mr Biko's widow, Mrs
Ntsikie Biko, and other members of his family, all of them
dressed in black.

Just before Mr M. J. Prins,
the Transvaal Chief Magistrate,
who is presiding over the inquest, entered the court one of
the spectators, Mrs Winnie
Kgware, stood up and held aloft
a portrait of Mr Biko and
wreath.

Later Mrs Kgware, who was
the first president of the Black
People's Convention (BPC), one
of the black cousciousness organizations which was banned
last month, led a large group
of Africans standing around
the court room steps in freedom songs.

The court was told that Mr
Biko was detained with a
Coloured (mixed race) col-

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The court was told that Mr
Bike was detained with a
Coloured (mixed race) col-league, Mr Peter Jones, in
Grahamstown on August 18. He
was later moved to Walmer was later moved to walmer police station near where he was held until September 6 when he was taken to the security police headquarters in Port Elizabeth for interrogation. He stayed there until September 11 and was then briefly moved back to Walmer police station before being taken by road in a Land-Rover to Pretoria where he died the following day.

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According to the autopsy report which was laid before the court today Mr Eiko died as a result of head injuries. The report said there was "extensive brain injury of the countercoup type and an abrasion on the left forehead". As a result of the brain injury centraliza-

Major Snyman told the court how Mr Biko had launched "a wild attack" on himself and other security policemen dur-ing the second day of his in-terrogation at security police headquarters.

headquarters.
Mr Biko, he said, had adopted an aggressive attitude towards his interrogators and towards his interrogators and refused to answer questions. Suddenly he jumoed from his chair with a "wild expression in his eyes" and threw the chair at Major Snyman. It missed. Then with clenched fists Mr Biko charged another security policeman, hit at him and pinned him against a steel filing cabinet, Major Snyman added.

Major Snyman then said he

Major Snymen then said he and another colleague ran to give assistance. During the struggle that ensued Mr. Biko and the police officers knocked

Eventually, with the help of rhe two other policemen, Mr Eiko was overpowered and placed in handcuffs and leg-

Major Snyman insisted that the degree of force used to bring Mr Biko under control had been "reasonable".

The following day Mr Biko was visited by the District Police Commissioner, Major Goosen and a district surgeon.
Dr Lang. Major Snyman said Mr
Biko still had a "wild expression in his eyes" and rafused
offers of food and drink. He refused to answer any more questions and Major Snyman decided not to continue the interrogation. He noticed that Mr

Biko was incoherent
Asked by Mr Kentridge why
Mr Biko had been placed in legirons from the moment he had arrived at security police head-quarters, Major Snyman said this had become normal prac-tice for the past few years following attempts by detainees to commit suicide. Many of the to commit suicide. Many of the Africans in court whistled when the leg-irons were exhibited. Several police witnesses who testified today insisted that Mr Biko had never complained about being assaulted or injured and knew of no incidents of maltreaument.

and knew or no inclosers of maltreatment.

Sergeant van Vuuren added that Mr Biko appeared to eat nothing from the day he was placed in the cells on August 19, although he may have taken some bread and water.

The inquest continues tomorrow.

Secure boundaries become important Greek election issue

Right wing challenges Karamanlis majority

From Mario Modiano Alexandroupolis Western Thrace, Nov 14

What kind of government do What kind of government do
the Greeks expect to have after
Sunday's general election? Not
far from here the river Evros
marks the boundaries with
Turkey and Bulgaria. Mr Haralambos Luaardopoulis, the local
Governor, says: "If you are
a Greek voter living within a
few miles from the frontiers,
the first thing you vote for is
with

the first thing you vote for is a government able to safe-guard your security." guard your security."

In the last election, a quarter of a million voters of Western I hrace, gave the ruling New Democracy party of Mr Karamanlis, the Prime opposition parties are reluctant to help Mr Karamanlis to Minister, eight of the 12 seats of the in the three constituencies of Xanthi, Rodope and Evros—a told me: "We shall be ratio reflecting the national average.

This i'me the competition from the other parties is The National Rally appears

policies.

In 1974 a similar effort by the right failed and that party polied barely 1 per cent of the vote. This time the bitter memories of the dictatorship are fading and the National Rally has put forward as candidates a number of former deputies a number of former deputies with a local appeal who were jilted by the New Democracy because of associations with

This doe the competition from the other parties is stiffer and the modified electroral system can be less generous. Nevertheless, few here doubt that Mr Karamanlis will be given a new mandate, even if they are less certain about his party's overall strength in Parliament.

There is a growing feeling that in some areas the right-

1974 referendum.

The local Greeks mistrust the Muslim majority even though relations at personal level are normal. They are convinced that the Muslims eventually vote as instructed by Ankara which, they believe, tries to alienate the minority from the Greeks in order to create pretexts to support create pretexts to support future claims of oppression.
In Kometini, the capital of Rodope, two out of the four National Rally candidates are Muslims, One of them said Muslims, One of them said that he was running on a platiform demanding equal rights for the minority, especially on matters of real property ownership. There are no complaints about civil rights.

Despite all this, the estimates of what support the National Rally should expect throughout the country, range between 3 and 10 per cent of the main foreign issues with a proadened parliamentary.

throughout the country, range between 3 and 10 per cent of the total. Few of the impartial

From David Bonavia

China has admitted that it is

extremely backward in trans-port facilities and must remedy this situation speedily

in the interests of moderniza-

Hongkong, Nov 14

wing National Rally may win the odd scat. This party advocates the restoration of the monarchy, an amnesty for the justs and strict anti-communist rollices.

The local Greeks mistrust relicion majority to the Muslim majority without lesing its parliamentary majority.

Against this background, and being suprises, none of the Muslim majority area. tary majority.

Against this background, and barring suprises, none of the six parties in Orposition to Mr

Karamaalis can credibly ofter Aramanis can credibly offer an alternative government. Many influential Greeks, now-ever, especially here in the north, would like to see ldr Karamanlis broadening the base of his government by setting up a coefficien with Mr. George Mayros's Democratic Centre Union, the main opposition party.

of cargo now handled by the trunk line or throughout the

whole system is still relatively small."

China suffers from an unfor-

tunate geography, in which the main lines of north-south transport are crossed by rivers

an important means of internal

transport. The civil aviation fleet is small and used mostly

for passenger transport. The

seaports are notorious for their

congestion, which results in

Chinese-chartered vessels often waiting veeks to be unloaded

should see that our country's present means of communi-

The paper concluded: "We

Centre Union, the main opposition party.

This possibility is known to have preoccupied Mr Karamanlis. Some say that this is the reason for his having included at the head of his party's state candidates' list the name of Mr Panayotis Kanellopoulos, the judgment.
Mr Edward Cousins for the landlord; Mr Anthony Eaton for

rooms.

In August, 1974, the landlord, a leaseholder, had let a maisonette in Bowcs Road to the tetrant, who had his common law wife with him. The rent was £25 a week. On the temant's application a rent officer, on October 8, 1975, fixed the rent at £16 a week.

When the couple returned home on October 14 the tenant found his belongings outside the back door. Some were damaged. between 3 and 10 per cent of the main foreign issues with the total. Few of the impartial pundits 20 above 5 per cent.

This 5 per cent can still hurt Mr Karamanlis as his party is likely to lose discontented voters also on its left. However, psephologists insist that the New Democracy can lose 10 points or more of the 54.4

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Lords refuse to alter 1966 decision

Saje Deposit & Offices Co Ltd of In'and Revenue Commissioners ([1956] AC 85)—that a company which had of its own choice attributed interest payments to capital could not later treat a payment actually made out of capital as notionally made out of income. Their Lordships dismissed

capital as nononany made out of income.

Their Lurdships dismissed a "leapfrog" appeal, pursuant to a certificate granted by Mr Justice Templeman under section 13 of the Administration of Justice Act, 1969, by Fitzleet Estates Ltd, a privately owned property company, from his decision (1977) 1 WLR 536) that it was not entitled to deduct and retain income tax under section 169 of the Income Tax Act, 1952, for two tax years on interest payments which the company had originally charged to its profit and loss account and then transferred and added to the cost of land and buildings atoured—" croitalizing," the interest—and had accordingly been Gitted y asked to the present case was indistinguishable from 192 Chancery Lune case and that there was no ground on which the decision should be disturbed.

Air Stevart Bates, OC. Mr Stephen Oliver and Mr S. J. All-cock for the taxpayer company; Mr Peter Archer, QC. Solictor General, Mr Michael Nolan, QC, and Mr Brian Davenport for the Crown.

LORD WILBERFORCE said that Fitzleet borrowed sums of money in connexion with its business and paid interest payable were charged to its profit and loss account. If nothing more had happened, the company would have been entitled under section 169 of the Income tax deducted from such interest as it in fact paid, if it had taxed profits equal to or greater than the interest.

What the company did, however, was to transfer sums equivalent to the "net" interest payable in the years in question—1951-62 and

the interest.

What the company did, however, who to transfer sums equivalent to the "net" interest payable in the years in question—1961-62 and 1962-63—and add them to the cost of land and buildings acquired as shown in the balance sheet. There process was called "capitalizing" the interest. There were no doubt sound business reasons for doing so and that course was approved by the company's auditors. It led, however, to a claim by the Revenue for the company to account to it for income tax on the interest paid in each year, on the basis that section 170 of the Act applied.

That section 170 did apply in such a case was held in the Chancery Lane case by a majority of the House, Lord Reid and Lord Upjohn dissenting.

It was now conceded that the present case was on the facts indistinguishable from the earlier decision. In particular it was true of both cases that in each of the years in question the taxed fund of the company's profits was sufficient to cover the in-

foundation on which to decide what the law was and its application to individual cases, it recognized that too rigid adherence to precedent might lead to injustice in a particular case and also unduly restrict the proper development of the law; and that it proposed in future to modify its present precice and, while treating former decisions of the House as normally binding, to depart from a previous decision when it appeared right to

to depart from a previous decision when it appeared right to do so; but that it would bear in mind the danger of disturbing retrospectively the basis on which contracts, settlements of property and fiscal arrangements had been entered into and also the especial need for certainty as to the criminal lawj.

Two points were clear. I Though Mr Bates had developed his argument with freshness and vigour, no contention was advanced or could be advanced by him which was not before the Heuse in 1966. The very full report of the arguments of counsel on that occasion left no doubt as to that. The desperate argument of per incurian was certainly not available here.

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2 There had been no change of circumstance such as would coll for or justify a review of the 1966 decision. The fact, if it were so, that the 1966 decision worked hardly on property companies was not such a change of circumstance.

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There was therefore nothing left for the company but to contend—as counsel frankly did—that the decision way wrong. That meant that three or more of their Lordships ought to take the view which in 1966 appealed to the minority.

In his Lordship's firm opinion, the 1966 Practice Statement was never intended to allow and should not be considered to allow and should not be considered to allow and should not be considered to allow such a course. Nothing could be more undesirable in fact than to permit litigants, after a decision had been given by the House with all appearance of finality, to return to the House in the hone that a differently constituted committee might be persuaded to take the view which its predecessors rejected. True, the earlier decision was by majority: his Lordship said nothing as to its correctness or the validity of the reasoning by which it was supported. That there were two eminently possible views was shown by the support for each by at any rate two members of the House. But doubtful issues had to be resolved and the law knew mo better word doing so than by the considered majority opinion of the ultimate tribunal. It required much more than doubt as to the correctness of such opinion to justify departing; from it.

It might be that a result which ing from it.
It might be that a result which

caused property companies, which, as advised by their accountaits, capitalized interest on investments or development, to suffer fiscally

Fitzleet Estates Ltd and Others v Cherry (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Lord Wilberforce, Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Salmon, Lord Edmund-Davies and Lord Keith of Kinkel (Speeches delivered November 9)

The House of Lords unanimously declined to consider reversing its own majority decision in a Reverue case—Chancery Lanc Safe Deposit & Offices Co Ltd o In and Reverue Commissioners (11966) AC 83)—that a company which had of its own choice attributed interest payments to revenue, accumulately, did not declue to capital did not lie with their depart from the earlier decision in accordance with the Practice Statement (Judicial Precedent) (11966) WLR 1234 [which stated that though the House of Lords regarded the use of In and Revenue Commissioners (11966) AC 83)—that a company which had of its own choice attributed interest payments to revenue, accumulty, did not declue to capital did not lie with their Lordships were furthed to depart from the earlier decision in accordance with the Practice Statement (Judicial Precedent) (11966) WLR 1234 [which stated that though the interest payments to revenue, or perhaps more accumulty, did not declue to capital did not lie with their Lordships in accordance accumulty, did not declue to capital did not lie with their Lordships. It was for the Revenue, not merely to reat 6.1 its utderw, but to consider the broad merits of Lordships and their thouse of Lordships and their thouse of Lordships and the recedent of Lordships are the constant of the Chancery Lanc case.

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for that did not lie with first Lordships, it was for the Revenue, not merely to rest on its victory, but to consider the broad merits or otherwise of the result, after such representations as the affected taxpuyers might make. It is affected taxpuyers might make. It is considerable had realiterative but to dismiss the apprecia. VISCOUNT DILHORNE, concurring, said that before the Chancery Lane decision, the consequences of capitalizing interest payments might not have been appreciated. Since that decision companies had been free, as they were before it, to decide whether or not to capitalize. If they did, there was the certainty that they would have to account to the Recenue for the tax deducted. It would be a considerable desired in 1766 if the House were now to entertain the present application and it would be desirability of which wes the present application and it would be destructive to a considerable degree of that certaint, the destrability of which was stressed in the strengent of 1955 to which his Lordship and Lord Wilberforce were parties.

Lord Salmon agreed with the speech of Lord Wilberforce.

LORD EDMUND-DAVIES said that while the Practice Statement of 1956 was a welcome departure from the rigid rule of precedent previously prevailing, it also reconfized that departure from earlier decision on the sole ground.

recognized that departure from an earlier decision on the sole ground of its being vierng was not of itself always pushfied. Songe had feared that the new practice would effect revolutionary changes; but not lairly Reid; R. v. National Insurance Contention, Exporte Hudson ([1972] AC 944, 966).

The ann-than company some it The appellant company sought the complete reversal of the Chancery Line decision only 11

the complete reversal of the Chancery Lane decision only 11 years ago on no grounds other than that it was report. It had not urged that although that decision riight have been sound when delivered, circumstances had so aftered even in that short period that a new and justic approach to the tax proof, in giving rise to the appeal should now be evolved and adopted. On the contrary, counsel had submitted that it was revery when delivered and that nothing had since happened to make right hiday what was wrong in 1936. The situation was therefore quite unlike that which arose in Milliangus a Courge Frank (Textiles) Lid (1976) AC 44.9 where the Heuse concluded toe, it could and should deport from the decision it had delivered only 13 years earlier in In re United Raillows of Hawma and Ragla Warchouses Lid (19 1) AC 1907), because of the instability which lad overtake a steriling and other major currentles and the procedures which had consequently been evolved by courts and arbitrators in the cles and the procedures which had consequently been evolved by courts and arbitrators in this country to seture payment of foreign currency debts in foreign currency. His Lordship concurred in holding that the present appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Keith concurred with the speach of Lord Wilberforce.

Solicitums: Solicitums & Manuelle.

Court of Appeal

Damages to teach landlord a lesson

the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Goff

Lord Justice Goff
[Judgments delivered Nov 11]
For a landlord unlawfully to
deprive his tenant of a roof over
his head is one of the worst torts
that can be committed. Where a
landlord's eviction of his tenant
is accompanied by outrageous conduct "exemplary damages can
properly be awarded . . . to teach
a wrongdoer that tort does not
pay".

pay ".
The Court of Appeal dismissed The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by a landlord, Mr George Evangelou, against the judgment of Judge Lonsdale in Barnet County Court on September 14, 1976, awarding the tenant, Mr Andhony Melcolm Drane, Ci,000 exemplary damages for breach of covenant for quiet enjoyment or for trespass in respect of furnished premises in Bowes Road, New Southgate, London, let on a weekly tenancy at £16 a week. Interest was awarded at 9 per cent from the date of the judgment.

the tenant.
The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that there was an unlawful eviction of a tenant of furnished

Still the tenant could not get into the maisonette. He had to apply to the county court, which made a further order on December 19. to the county court, which made a further order on December 19.

The tenant was given a key which did not fit, and only after an application to commit the landlord for contempt of court did he evenually get back on January 1, 1864 | AC Brome | Cassell | Ind applied Rookes | Burnard | 1964 | AC | 1129 | where Lord Devlin had 1976.

The tenant claimed "damages damages can properly be awarded damages can properly be awarded witenever it is necessary to teach viour calls for exemplary damages of £1,000". The landlord appealed.

or 21,000. The landlord appealed.

It was said that, on the pleadings and in the circumstances, the fudge was not at liberry to award exemplary damages; that punitive damages could not be awarded for breach of a covenant of quiet enjoyment. The judge, however, had said that facts amounting to trespass had been alleged in the particulars of claim, which was not limited to breach of covenant for quiet enjoyment.

It had been pointed out in In re l'amtervil's Treats (j1971; Ch 269, 321, 324) that it was the material facts that in general lind to be pleaded and not their legal results. The claim here could perfectly well be considered in trespass.

trespass.

Following Broome v Cussell & Pegden & Dubow.

and the door bolted on the inside.

There were four or five men and two women inside and a large Greek Cypriot was barring the entrance. The police were called.

The tenant took the matter to court, and an injunction was granted so that he could be restored to the premises. The landlord's appeal to the Court of landlord's appeal to the could be restored to the premises. The landlord's appeal to the Court of landlord's appeal to the could be restored to the premises. The landlord's appeal to the Court of landlord's appeal to the land

It was said tout in civil actions

was far too high. In his Lord-saip's judgment sums awarded by way of exemplary damages should not be subject to fine scrutiny. The case came within Lord Devlin's dictum. The appeal should be dismissed. be dismissed

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON.

agreeing, said that in deprive a
tenant of a roof over his head was one of the worst toris that could be committed. It brought the law into disrespect, it was surprising that the landlord had not been prosecuted for an offence under section 30 of the Reut Act, 1965.

Lord Justice Goff delivered a

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Discrimination over free rail travel

The railways' policy of not allowing the husbands of women employees to continue their concessionary free travel after retirement while allowing the wives of male employees to continue to make the netvices to unlawful that employees to commune to emjoy the privilege, is unlawful discrimination on the ground of sex and within the meaning of the Sex Discrimination Act, 1975. The Employment Appeal Tri-

the Employment Appeal Tri-bunal allowed an appeal by Mrs Elleen Garland. of Castlethorpe, Mikon Keynes, from a decision of a London industrial tribunal last February, that her employers, British Rail Engineering Ltd, had not discriminated against her on the ground of her sex.

Section 6(4) of the Sex Discrimination Act provides: "Subsections 1(b) and (2) [unlawful
discrimination in the way of
affording benefits] on not apply
to provision in relation to death
or retirement". Mr T. R. A. Morison for Mrs Garland; Mr F. Marr-Johnson for

the employers.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS, giving of the Appeal Trithe judgment of the Appeal Tri-bural, said that a male employee could obbits travel facilities for himself, his spouse, widow and dependent children and could contique to do so after redrement.

Women employees received similar facilities, but after they had retired there were no facilities for their husbands, their widowers or children. The discrimination was one which bit after retirement.

Garland v British Rail Engineering Ltd

Before Mr Justice Phillips. Mr L. D. Cowan and Ms P. Smith [Judgment delivered November 11]

The railways' policy of not allowing the husbands of women employees to continue their concessionary free travel after retirement while allowing the wives of male employees to continue to the meaning of section 1 (1) (a) the Act in that she was being treated less favourably than a man would be treated. It was conceded that it was discrimination within that subsection.

The next question was whether it had to be more to retire until 1980, claimed that the marrowly defined.

The Appeal Tribunal concluded that the words could not have the would be treated. It was conceded that it was done was necessarily a treated less favourably than a man would be treated. It was conceded that it was done was necessarily a treated less favourably than a wan whether it was done was necessarily a treated less favourably than a man would be irreated. It was conceded that it words could not have the wide meaning claimed by the certain was discrimination within that subsection.

The next question was whether it was unlawful under section of (2). It was plain that it was.

The employees to continue to the retire until 1980, claimed that it had to be more to retire until 1980, claimed that it had to be more the narrowly defined.

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6 (2). It was plain that it was. The employers had omitted to afford her access to a benefit which in like circumstances would have been afforded to a man. The controversy was whether, on the date of the complaint, there was any present discrimination as opposed to future discrimination when Mrs Garland retired. His lordelin was satisfied that there Lordship was satisfied that there was present and continuing discrimination.

crimination.

The important question which extended beyond the bounds of the present case was whether section 6 (4) applied to deprive Mrs. Garland of her rights. It was of general importance in most fields of employment. The interpretation of section 6 (4) was considered in Roberts v Cleveland Area Health Authority The Times, August 3, 1977). The question there was whether a specific retirement age fell within section 6 (4). The Appeal Tribunal held that "provision" was an intentionally wide word and covered all matters regarding retirement. It might be necessary to refine It might be necessary to refine that description in the present

appeal.

Mr Marr-Johnson said that
"provision in relation to
retirement" in section 6(4)
extended to every arrangement or
scheme which manifested itself
after retirement, Mr Morison con-

"provision in relation to ...
represent."

It was possible that what the Appeal Tribunal had said in Roberts's case was a little ride. Section 6(4) was directed to arrangements made by employers when making provision for the represent of employees. There was a recognizable territory of things which did not come into that description, for example, the condinued membership of an employees' social club after refreement and the privilege of being allowed to buy the employers' products at favourable rates.

employers' products at favourable rates.

It was necessary to see whether what was done was part of an employer's system for catering for retirement or merely a case where a privilege existed during employment which was allowed to continue after retirement. In the present case the arrangements were not excluded by section 614), and the appeal would be allowed. allowed.

The order would be that the Appeal Tribunal would declare that a distinction between con-

cessionary travel facilities to which Mrs Garland way "entitled" and those to which comparable male employees were entitled constituted unlawful discrimination on the grounds of sex.

Leave to appeal was granted.

Solicitors: Russell, Jones & Walker; Mr Evan Harding.

'Think tank' hearings begin today | China says its transport

Sir Michael Palliser, Perma-nent Under-Secretary of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Mr Curtis Keeble the Chief Clerk (head of administration) there, will be the main witnesses today when a mittee will be to winnow some House of Commons committee begins a series of public hearings on last summer's controver-sial report by the Central Policy Review Staff (CPRS) on Britain's overseas representa-

Among the more drastic recommendations of the "think-tank" report were the creation of a Foreign Service Group to replace the diplomatic service, taking over most of its work and some of that of the Ministry of Overseas Development, and the external trade side of the Department of Trade; the abolition of the British Council: and drastic cuts in the BEC's external broadcasting. Public reaction was on the

wnole lipsule. The Commons inquiry is being conducted by the nine members (five Lebour, four Conservatives) of the defence and external affairs sub-committee of the Commons' public

expenditure committee.
The only member of detectably left-wing views is Dr laurice Miller (Lebour MP for East Kilbride). The chairman is a 70-year-old Conservative backbencher. Sir Harwood Har-

rison, member for Eye, Suffolk.
He will be attending a funeral today, and will be replaced in the chair by Mr Geoffrey Finsberg (Conservative MP for Hampstead).

rison, member for Eye, Suffolk.
Today's questions are likely to concentrate on such factual matters as the extent of cross-fertilization between the Foreign Office and home civil service. Hampstead).
The main aim of the com-

of the wheat from the more tendentious chaff of the CPRS report, and to make its own contribution to any eventual Government decision on the implementation of parts of the

mittee, with the Prime Minister in the chair, has considered the broad outlines of the report at secretaries of the affected departments, which include Trade, the Treasury and the Civil Service Denartment

The government has given no clues about its own attitude to the report, nor about when it

would aim to take any decision organizations as the Confederaon it. Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, is expected to give evidence some time in January. of the MPs is likely to be to but the hearings may not end salvage some of the CPRS's until March. It is probable that Dr Owen would not want to make recom-mendations that would be over-turned by the Cabinet; and that turned by the Cabinet; and that ing procedures make it virtu-Foreign Office officials will not ally impossible to question

want to preempt their own min-ister. On the other hand. Sir

Michael Palliser can be forth-

vice departments (which the report felt should be increased). and the existing practice in the export promotion field. Entertrinment expenditure, a afronrite target of the Foreign Office's critics, may also be

looked at.

A good deal of written evi-So far a special Cabinet com-ittee, with the Prime Minister ted to the subcommittee by the main decertments and organizaonly one meeting. There is also Later witnesses are expected a roughly matching committee include Sir Kenneth Berrill, bead of the CPRS; Mr Ian Director-General Trethowan, Director General of the BBC; Mr Gerard Mansell, Managing Director, External Broadcasting; and Sir John Llewellyn, director-general of the British Council, as well as representatives of such

junior officials whose views

might be closer to those of the

tion of British Industry. One of the main difficulties the radical ones which have Johore Baru, Malaysia, Nov aroused such intense opposition 14.—Thieves raided a crocodile both at home and abroad, Existfarm near here and got away with 113 baby crocodiles worth about \$6,000 (£3,200). Singapore

and mountains. There is no national road network, although there are plenty of good metalled roads around The Peking People's Cully wrote: "The gap between us and many countries is still very great. There is not even the larger towns one express highway in the whole country." Railways are mostly single track and the rivers are still

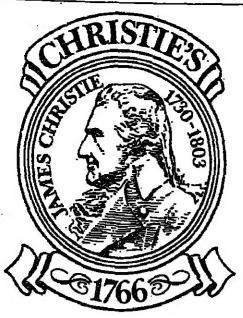
is lagging far behind

It said existing means of communications were still very backward in comparison with the advanced level already reached in the world. "In marine transport, the scale of our country's fleet, port development, the regulation of waterways and the level of technical installations are also very backward.

cations and transport are still only at the level of the indus-"The Yangue is one of the five main rivers of the world and its basin is rich in trially advanced countries in produce. However, the volume Crocodile snatchers

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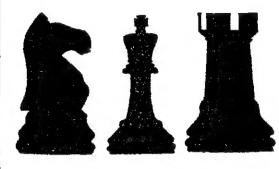
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Mr Benn sees Tory policy as being 'In search of strife'

hr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, said that if he were really to identify the policy were really to identify the policy of the Conservative Party it might be properly called "In search of strife". During question time exchanges on the coal industry and its productivity, he said the Opposition were disappointed that there had been no conflict or confrontation between the Government and the minima industry.

He told Mr Bilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C) that overall production and productivity in the coal mines had not increased over the last three years. He had discussed this and other problems with the chaltman and members of the National Cost Evard and the mining unions on many occasions. many occasions.

Nir Miller-What responsibility does Mr Benn accept following the Government's signature of the tri-partite agreement? In particular, why did he fail to give support to the productivity deal? Mr Bean-The answer to producti-

mr Benn—The abswer to produch;
vity in the mining industry must
rest with those who work in the
industry. As chairman of the tripartite committee which produced
the plan for coal, I gave my support to the scheme agreed between
the NCB and the National Union of
Mineworkers. (A)—Absenteeism is a major factor in declining coal production. Would Mr Benn have an urgent meeting with the chairman of the NCB to discuss the bizarre situation that Yorkshire miners picketing at Grunwick have been paid by the union to be absent from the coalface?

for Benn-MPs or ministers telling miners how to produce coal is not effective. I would not be prepared to learn any lessons on how to landle the coal industry from the Dennis Skinner (Bolsover,

Lab)—Investment in coal mining do a has reached an optimum, there coal.

trying to increase productivity un-less there is a breakthrough on the technological from. We must therefore get accustomed to the fact that productivity is not likely to increase by any great amount whatever method is used.

There have been other ballots in the mining industry, in 1975 and 1976, which upbend pay policy at that time. The minority who were against it, including Mr Arthur Scargill and myself, had to accept the majority. Therefore we expect miners like anybody else to accept the majority in this case. the majority in this case. Mr Bean—There are geological factors which make productivity difficult beyond a certain point. Face productivity in the first 30 weeks of this year is up on the corresponding period last year. In Royston, a new pit, productivity is four times the national average. Mr Peter Emery (Honiton, C)-In his discussions with the charman of the NCB is he able to make clear that the Government are expecting the NUM to accept only a 10 per cent increase? Mr. Benn—The Government's post-tion has been made clear time and again. Mr Emery's disappolatment again. All tenery's observations is that there has not been a conflict or confrontation between the Government and the mining ladustry. If I were really to identify the policy of the Opposition, It might be properly called in search of the confliction. of strife.

Mr Tem King, Opposition spokes-man on energy (Bridgwater, C)— Will Mr Benn use his position as chalarman of the tripardite commun-tee to do everyding he can to try-and achieve some element of pro-ductivity as is widely recognized in the industry to be possible? the industry to be possible?

Mr Benn-Mr King made a speech yesterday in which he threatened to raview the capital investment programme of the mining industry. Nothing could do more to worsen relations within that the century could do anything other than rely on coal.

Debate on firemen's strike

There is to be a three-hour emergency debate on the firemen's strike tomorrow (Tuesday).

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) accepted an application by Mr James Sillers (South Ayrshire, Scot Lab) for a debate on the ground that there was a grave threat to public safety and the future of the fire service.

Over the past year Britain exported nearly 40 per cent of the crude off extracted from the North Sea, Dr Dickson Mabon, Minister of State for Energy, announced at question time. That was about 6 per cent above what the Government wanted, and they were trying to correct it. The state, however, this not control the export of oil, the oil companies did.

While the Covernment did not

While the Government did not intend to let the oil companies market at will, international agreements had to be respected and observed, he said.

Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New

ledged that the armed services were not providing adequate fire cover. The population and industrial establishments were now totally exposed to risk. The morale and future of the fire service was also now at risk.

He submitted that they had reached the stage when the House must debate the unprecedented event of a national fire strike with all that it implied for the loss of life.

Conservative MPs fail to convince Speaker that devolution Bill is defective

Bill—which the House was about to discuss on second-reading, and urged that it should be withdrawn.
He did so on the ground that the Bill did not observe rules laid down in Erskine Map, and that the provisions of the Bill—se printed went far beyond its long title which said that it provided for "changes in the government of Scorland and in the constitution and functions of certain public

He said it was a novel form of legislation and could not possibly be said to affect only changes in the government of Sculland. The legislation, which could be applied by order-in-council to the whole of the United Kingdom, was wide

past where the Speaker had ruled that because a Bill went beyond the long tirle it should be withdrawn. It was clear that a Bill, as printed, must not go beyond the notice of presentation, which was the hand tirle

the long title.

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) said the provisions of the Bill made clear that the legislative powers which were proposed to be conferred. upon the Scotish Assembly were in no way absolute. No power was conferred on the assembly to legislate for the remainder of the United Kingdom except in the context of action concerning devolved matters which related to Scotland. related to Scotland.

The purpose stared in the title was to make charges in the government of Scotland. Since, as things stood at present, government was applied uniformly to Scotland and other parts of the United Kingdom, he did not think it was conceivable to provide that changes in the government of Scotland could in these circumstances have so incidental effect upon the government of other parts of the realm.

The important thing was that The important thing was, that the second should be seen to be totally dependent on the first and this in his view was secured by the

existing provisions of the Bill.

A relevant precedent existed in the shape of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act, 1973.

The eight of that Act was to make new provision for the government of Northern Ireland. Yet although this made no meution of the United Kingdom, the provisions of the Act could confer powers for the making of orders-in-council, subject to the approval of this Parliament, to amend the law of any part of the United Kingdom.

Mr Graham Page (Crusby, C), on a on Scottish Assembly Acts) must point of order, guestioned the be looked at carefully to see if it validity of the Government's devolution measure—the Scotland dependent upon the main provisions. Newher in the Government sions. Neither in the Government of Ireland Act nor any other Act was there a general power given on the repeal of other statutes.

The Scottish Assembly might pass any Act at any stage within its competence. The Secretary of Sinte might consider the new position and make, in respect of the United Franciscope or any part of it any new Kingdom or any part of it, any new law expedient to those new circum-

The mischief of this clause was that it was so widely drafted. Pro-visions such as those in that clause Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tirerton, C) said that Clause 1 (Effect

of Act) stared that the provisions-did not affect the unity of the United Kingdom or the Supreme authority of Parliament to make laws for the United Kingdom or laws for the United Kingdom or any part of it.

But it was the Crown in Parlia-ment which made the laws, not Parliament on its own. If thee was passed, the Royal prerogative was circumvented and there had been a change in the law-making process. That should be mentioned in the long title.

Mr fan Gow (Eastboorne, C) said that the long title of the Bill did not include the first frem in Schedule 13 (Public bodies) which was the British Waterways Board. That was a nationalized industry and the long title did not extend to it because the board was not a public

Mr Norman Tebbitt (Waitham Forest, Chingford, C) said some MPs intended to move amediments to grant certain powers of taxation to the Scottish Assembly. It might to the Scottish Assembly. It might be expedient to take powers under Clause 35 to introduce or ders into: the Commons to reduce or change United Ringdom taxation if the assembly changed the Scotth whisky doty provoking a fall in sales in England. A change in the law which would enable taxation of England to be decided or altered by order in council made the Bill out of order. The Speaker said that all the arguments were covered by what he had said. Erskine May stated that Parliament comprised that the control of the land of

the Sovereign, the Lords and the Commons. Mr George Gardiner (Relgate, C) said that Clause 82 (Referendum) could not be said to full within the long title for changes in the long title for change government of Scotland.

hir Round Bell (Beaconstield, C) The Speaker said he could not with add that Clause 35 (Powers to consistency rule that such a provimake changes in law consequential sion was out of order.

Concern at high level of N Sea oil exports parts of the House there is some feeling towards the idea of contro-ing our exports, by perhaps addi-tional legislation. I sook forward to

level of exports? Why are we not remining this oil

the quantity and value of North Sea of exported during the past 12 months and what percentage of it represented total oil lifted from

Dr Mabon (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab)—in the 12 month period ending on September 30 this year nearly 13 million tomes of

representing nearly 40 per cent of production in the period. The rotal value was approximately 2750m. Mr McNair Wilson—Those are staggering figures and I would have thought almost makes us eligible to join Opec.

Surely he would agree we have been told by successive ministers that these North Sea reserves would not last indefinitely and we must make the best use of them. They give us independence, so why on earth is there this enormous level of exports?

Official future for Briant?

Dr Mabon—I have sympathy for what he says. The Government do not go back on the statement by the then Secretary of State for Lucryy (Vir Eric Varley) of December 6, 1974, of the so-called two-thirds rule.

We are, it is true, almost 6 per cent above that figure and that is

quite significant. We are determined, because of our combuting consultations with the oil companies, to my to get this corrected and in perspective. The participation agreements we are negotiating with the oil companies provide for consultations about marketing North Sea crudo. Mr Hamish Gray, an Opposition spokesmen on energy (Rose and Cromarty, C)—On the export of crude, and the fact that we are told we have an excess of refining capacity in this country, why have the Government with all the measures they have taken for control, allowed 40 per cent of the ull produced so far to be exported? Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee, East, Scot Nat)—In view of the Government's policy to keep within their own limits in the export of crude oil, is it a correct statement of Government policy to prefer oil companies to export as they will rather than encouraging them to invest in petrochemicals in Scot-Dr Mabon—I am disappointed with him. He knows a great deal about land?

Dr Mabon—It is no intention of this Government to allow oil companies to market at will. But we have to respect and observe futer-national agreements and we have to respect the concern of our friends in Western Europe. North persuade the companies through friends in Western Europe. North persuade the companies through participation agreements, or in must of these exports have gone.

I am pleused to notice that in all

Rhodesia sanctions a symbol of

European Parliament Strasbourg

equal

EEC seeks

retirement

Strasbourg
The Committee on Social Affairs submitted a proposal to the Partiament that it should ask the EEC Commission to insert a right of recourse to law for people in the countries of the EEC who felt that they have been discriminated against on grounds of sex.

The proposal was committed in a report by Mrs M. L. Cassamagnago Cerreti for the Social Affairs Committee on the Commission's directive.

Mr. Benk, Vredeling for the

Mr Henk Vredeling, for the Commission, said that they would begin reporting from next February on the ways and means in which their directive was being

Implemented.

Mr Frans Van Der Gunn (Netherlands, C-D), chairman of the Social Affairs Committee, presenting the roport in the absence of Mrs Cerred, said that the committee halfering a narrow definition of social security in its proposal for equality of treatment for men and women.

They did not like the proposal that there should be indeterminate time for harmonization of treatment on the pensionable ages of Mr Marcel Vandewiele (Belgium, C-C) said that in some matters, men were worse off than women. There would be difficulty for many

nomber states in complete hur-Mr Willem Albers (Netherlands, Soc) said his group would empha-size the necessity for the Commus-sion to stick to the deadlines it had laid down for implementation of the directive. The Community should continue to play the leading part it had already taken in equal rights for men and women.

Mr Vredeling said that it was too Mr Vredeling said that it was too early to impose deadlines on harmonization of pensionable ages, but this did not mean that they would be postposed ad infinitum. The deadlines which they had proposed had been criticized as being too fer away, but that was precisely because of the difficulty of adapting some national legislation to the directive. in the directive. The committee's proposals will be roted on tomorrow.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons fields at 2.79 Enterprise debate on themen's steps, Will, second reading. Motion on FEC document on send and plant marketing.

House of Lords

Britain's determination

Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, moved that the Southern Rhodesia Act, 1955 (Confinuation) Order, which continues sanctions, he approved.

He said that pending the achievement of a seril provider for which though sanctions, he approved,
He sold that pending the achievement of a settlement, for which
there was a good chance, the
Government remotined bound by
the relevant Security Council resolutions to maintain sanctions. It
would be irresponsible to maintain
sanctions. It would be irresponslible to attempt unlasterally to lift
them now.

Sanctions symbolized the Goveroment's determination to bring
independence to Rhodesia through
majority rule based firmly on the
principle of universal adult suffrage. If they disowned this symbol
it would finally put paid to their
hopes of a political settlement.

The nationalists would regard it
as a bettrayal of their cause and be
tempted to devote all their efforms
to the achievement of a solution
through violence alone. No one
could foresee the end of this, Its
cansequences would not only
embroil Rhodesia but possibly a
far wider area.

Lord Carrington (C), Leader of

embroil Rhodesia but pussibly a far wider area.
Lord Carrington (C). Leader of the Opposition peers, said that for the Foreign Secretary to say publicly in Moscow that the British and Soviet Governments' Intentions over Rhodesia's problems were the same was to carry the polteness of diplomatic language to a point where it called into question his credibility.
The greatest advance towards a solution would be agreement between the Africans as to who should be their leader and the acceptance of free elections to discover if this was the wish of the Rhodesian people.
That part of the Anglo-American proposals dealing with security was

proposals dealing with security was not likely to be acceptable to Mr Smith's government. It would be wise for the British Government to consider some kind of amendment to the proposats.

The Convertatives did not think sanctions were a sensible weapon. But was it sensible to suppose that the British Government could recommend removal just at the

moment when the negotiations on Rhodesia were in a critical stage? It would not be wise to oppose the order. Lord Gladwyn (L) said the Govtord classyn (L) and the cov-ertment should make clear even now that if necessary they were prepared to receive a considerable number of cx-British subjects or people of British origin. Might it not make the settlers less des-perate if they felt there was a possibility of a reasonable exis-tence even outside Rhodesia if they had to leave?

Nobody could be terribly optimistic about the situation. The Government should be clear about the structure of the structure of

what they should do if there was some serious possocial develop-

Lord Forester, in a maiden speech, and that in contacts with Rhodesia he had been rold that distrust was rampant. He had been asked to look into Britain's real intentions and to east light on what the Rhodesians believed to be the ambiguidesians believed to be the ambiguiries and subteringes artifully concealed in the White Paper. Trust
was necessary.
Sanctions would be kept only if
they knew what sort of settlement
was envisaged. A permanent British presence in Rhodesia must be
established if they were to retain
some trust among the Rhodesiaa
Government and the people.
The Marquess of Salisbury said it
was true that megotiations were

The Marquess of Salisbury said it was true that megatations were going on but they had been in progress for years. He could not see that there had been any improvement in the chances of a settlement by remaining sanctions. The contrary was true.

The Covernment had failed to make their case for the retention of sanctions which would not help to achieve a reasonable settlement and should be dropped.

Lord Alport (C) said that from the ethnic, pointed and transportation points of view Rhodesia could be divided into two: morth and south Mashonalan!, Maniraland, parts of the midiands and Victoria on the one hand and north and south Matheleland with the rest of the midiands and Victoria of the other. Each had a major city—Salisbury in the north and Bulawayo in the south. salisbury in the north and Bulawayo in the south.
Control of security during the transition period would be much vasier if the two parts of Rhodesia were separated. The resident commissioner as controller of the security forces and the headquarters of the United Nations force should be placed at somewhere like Gwelo, hallway between north and south.

north and south. It would be the responsibility of It would be the responsionary of the resident commissioner to appoint as head of the interim administration in each of the two divisions of Rhodesia the man he thought most likely to command majority support. At the end of the six-month period separate elec-tions for the separate constituent tions for the separate constituent assemblies would be held in each of the two divisions. of the two divisions.

From these elected and based on appropriate proportions of the parties elected to each of the easembles would be chosen two delegations to meet under neutral chalemaniship to work out a constitution for industrial and a transfer industrial.

chargement to work out a consti-nation for independent Zimbabwe. Lord Brockway (Lab) said they had had many disastrous experiences of the division of terri-tories. The Government would have to look carefully at proposals which might not only continue durwhich might not only continue dur-ing the transitional period but. when might transitional period but-because of the intensity of feeling that would be aroused might find when Zimbabwe expression when obtained independence. Perhaps the greatest trugedy was the division in the African peoples and between the African leaders.

He appealed to them to find a basis of unity.

Lord Balfour of Inchrye (C) sale, he and others feared that Inevitably by the passage of events the Foreign Secretary was being driven. down the road lowards giving the green light to the Patriotic Front for their declared aim of a Marxist state. That was why he for one could not accept the motion. could not accept the motion.

Lord Paget of Northampton. (Lab) said he was in general agreement with the views just expressed. Apparently Lord Aipurt proposed that they should not only surrender to the assassins but partition the country among them.

They could begin to hook at the effects of sanctions. Economically these had been highly beneficial to Rhodesia. They had welded a fairly diverse group of immigrants into a nation and created a nation and erested a national spirit. Where they did great damage was to the cause of political advance.

The policy of this country towards Rhodesia, always industrical advance.

Art Smith should tell the British and the Americans that they were an irrelevant miseance in that continuent, were simply not wanted and were imporent.

The Earl of Cork and Orrery said successions were foredoomed to failure because Rhodesia was prepared to fight while Britain was not Britain should seek an internal settlement and give Rhodesia the arms necessary for her defence.

arms necessary for her detence. Viscount Massereene and Ferrard (C) said Dr Owen should get his priorities right, otherwise he should not be Foreign Secretary. To disband the Rhodesian security forces and hand over to the guerrilias during transition would be maddess. It would be banding the country over to the Markists and there would certainly not be any elections. Lord Hastings (C) said that since Mr Smith accepted the principle of majority rule there had been a power struggle among four African leaders. Whatever Mr Smith might

say or do now was comparatively prelevant. irrelevant.

Lord Coleraine (C) said the British people were strange and somesmes unbelierable. They fill their minds (he said) with Miss Worlds and Eurovision song courers and heaven knows what else. They turn their backs on genocide in cambodia. But one day, if they discover that as a result of mistaken polities of successive governments there is massacre and revolution in Rhodesia and they studiently wake from their stumber they will vent their feelings on those who have brought them to that pass.

He would vote against the order because he was not prepared to take that responsibility.

The motion was carried by 119 votes to 23—Government majority, 96.

House adjourned, 7.1 pm.

Bill aims to give greater scope for expression of Scottish identity: UK unity unaffected

Mir Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland (Clasgow, Craigton, Lab), moving the second reading of the Scotland Bill, said the fowr guiding principles underlying the Bill remained the same as those upon which the Scotland and the second second to the basis of giving any Scotland and the second second to the second to those upon which the Scotland and Wales Bill of last session had been

The first principle was a respect for the diversity and distinctive traditions of Scotland and Wales—and the Wales Bill would deal with the Welsh situation tomorrow (Tuesday). The second was the conservation of the economic and political unity of the United Kiogdom. Third, the coordining and unimpaired sovereignty of Farilament—which was what devolution was all about—and, fourth, fairness to the whole of the United Kingdom. The first principle was a respect The Bill represented a major constitutional change. It was per-fectly proper and sensible for the Bouse to approach any major con-stitutional change with a good deal

stimutonal change with a good deal of care.

Re hoped they would not approach the Bill as certain MPs approached the present Bill, on the thais that it really was not possible at all to change existing constitutional arradgements of the United Kingdom, that what they had at the moment was a perfect representation of the processes of government, and no change could be anything but the worse.

The kind of centralized govern-

government, and no change count be anything but the worse.

The kind of centralized government they had in the United King, dom was not repeated among other Western industrialized constries.

The issue uniterlying the Bill had been before the House and the country throughout the life of the present Parliament and Indeed very much longer than that. There had been interest in the subject of devolution for Scotland going back at least 50 years.

More recontly, following the Killmandon report, the Government issued a series of White Papers which had examined and, to some extent narrowed, the issues. He did not believe there had been any major Bill produced in the House in recent years which had such a long history of detailed consultation both within the House and with interests outside.

As for official Opposition amendment, it was scandalous in the Scotlish context, to considering

As for official Opposition amendment, it was scaudalous in the Scottisch context, to considering scottisch context, to considering scottisch opinion in particular, that at this lare stage in the debate they should propose a continuation of talk, a consideration of discussion with no doubt the objective of the United Kingdom. It is preventing the House ever reaching a conclusion on this matter at all. The Government were determined the House should reach a Kingdom.

were to be made, with all their implications, then change should be on the basis of giving any Scotish Assembly a worthwhile range of powers. It would be worse that useless and Asmaolna for the or powers. It would be worse that useless, and damaging for the United Kingdom and of Scottand, if legislative changes were made for an assembly with limited capacity to take decisions and act on them.

The Conservatives had suggested The Conservatives had suggested there should be an assembly with no effective power to make decisions. That would be unacceptable to Scottish opinion and damaging. It would be preferable to do nothing than to introduce such a Bill. It would be a recipe for confine.

If such changes were to be made they should have popular support. The evidence was overwhelming that the people of Scotland wanted more power to take decisions than they now had. Equally, they did not want separation or independence.

The Bill, like its predecessor, provided for a directly elected assembly with powers to make primary and subordinated legislation. arrangements for elections to the stembly and qualifications for membership.

An extensive range of functions was given to the Scottish administration, including most aspects of feet of the state of t ical government, health, educa-don, social work and matters related to the physical environ-ment. Thuse were matters domestic to Scotland on which decisions could be taken without damage or

disturbance to other parts of the United Kingdom. In dealing with functions and n deaning with functions and powers of government where there was a strong United Kingdom interest, such as economic and industrial powers, the Bill did not provide for devolution to the assembly. In the case, for example, of the Scottish-Development Agency and the industrial functions of the spoors, those would be carried out. and the instrum interiors of the second, those would be carried out under guidelines laid down by the Secretary of State. So there need not be any feeling within the House, as I understand

the Bul would in his view considerably reduce the score for dispute between the United Kingdom and the Scottish government.

However carefully lines are drawn between devolved and nondevolved matters the said), there are bound to be circumstances in which the legally proper exercise of devolved powers may have unacceptable repercussions on mat-

ters affecting the whole of the United Kingdom. But the Govern-ment are anxious that the area of ment are anxious that the area of interventions shall be restricted to what is necessary in the interests; of the United Kingdom as a whole. The Bill had been redrafted to make clear that those powers would only be available where the activities of the devolved administration would adversely affect maters for which the Government ters for which the Governmen would remain directly responsible

throughout the United Kingdom, for example, defence, trude, the economy and industrial relations
They will not, for example (ne.
said) be used in relation to the
English dimension of devolved "English dimension" of devolved matters such as health and educa-tion. The exercise of these powers will require the approval of Parha-

ment.

They had simplified the operation of the scheme for new promisions for implementing European Community and other international obligations in devolved matters. Responsibility for implementation was now devolved but the Bill gave the Height Kingdom Government.

Responsibility for implementation was now devolved but the Böll gave the United Kingdom Government concurrent powers to implement any agreement at their own hand if desirable or necessary.

At the end of the day the said this House can see that these international obligations are discharged but there is no intention of securathey are removed from the Scottish Assembly completely.

The Bill considered a provision allowing for the premature discoution of the assembly, it also incorporated the provision for a referendum which would be held after the Bill was exacted and must be held helder it was brought into operation.

One of the criticisms of the previous Bill was lack of provision for any independent revenue rasing power on the part of the Scottish Assembly, Considerable further thought had been given to that.

The Government had never, as a matter of principle, opposed the cranting of marginal tax powers.

The Government had never, as a matter of principle, opposed the granting of marginal tax powers. There would be many advantages if they could produce a satisfactory marginal tax power for the assembly. In the White Paper, the Government had outlined the various tax powers

time that there is no real alternative to the block vote system of financing the assembly. It we are to commune with the block vote, then it is important to make arrangements for its operation as a professions as we can it is impact. satisfactory as we can. It is important that we my to reduce the area in which there may be argument between the assembly executive and the United Kingdom Parlia-

The Government recognized the need for good information about needs and standards of public ser-vice in the various parts of the United Kingdom during block fund negotiquon.

They intended to consult the assembly about arrangements for setting up an independent advisory body to collect such information and advise the United Kingdom and the Scuttish Assembly. It was to be keeped to be a properly to the collection of the control of the collection of the c to be hoped that the arrangement would make the methods of deter-mining the block fund a good deal more explicit, and make fairness more demonstrable. If the assembly wished to bring

forward ideas about marginal tex powers, the Government would be willing to discuss them. willing to discuss them.

It would help the assembly, as well as the Commons, in the planning of public expenditure if they were able to settle levels of public expenditure in Scotland for more than one year by means of the formula system. This was something that would be provided for when the assembly was established.

There was a considerable danger.

There was a considerable danger in saving us the Scottish people that they must choose either between the stems quin, or complete independence. The House should weigh the consequences of such a choice.

Our proposals the said are securely based on the continuing unity of the United Kingdom. I have no doubt that is what the wast majority of people in Scotland want. But which this continuing unity, there is room for diversity and giving greater scope for the expression of Scotlan identity. That is also what the people of Scotland desire. That is what our proposals for political devolution are all about.

We propose, within the condumn union, to give the people of Scotland much improved democrate participation in making their own choice on matters which are primarily of concern to themselves. I believe that such a reform will strengilten the unity of the Unived Kingdom and that failure to make it could weaken that unity.

Too many questions remāin unanswered

(Cambridgesnire, C) moved:

"That this House, in parsait of its aim to achieve a substantial improvement in the government of Scotland within the United Kingdom, declines to give a Second Reading to the Scotland Bill and instead calls on her Majesty's Government to summon a constitutional Conference to examine defects in the parliamentary and administrative aspects of the government of Scotland, to recommend reforms including the crustion of any new institutions it may find necessary, to consider the implications of its proposals for the rest of the United Kingdom, and to report not later than July next."

He said the Prime Menister and He said the Prime Minister and the Government had made much play of the fact that in their view the talking should stop, the Bill should go through and the people of Scotland should accept or reject

The Opposition opposed that proposition. It gave the impression that this was the only choice and it had to be made. It was not the only choice. Holding of a referentism, however desirable, was not a substitute for a proper choice nor was it a solution. A referendam did not absolve the House from considering this or any other constitutional proposal in great detail.

He observed from The Times stimional proposal in great detail.

He observed from The Times today that Mr David Steel referred to the need to get the Bills on the statute book so that at least the Scottish and Welsh people had an opportunity to declare their views. The only view they would be able to declare was whether they wanted a bad scheme of devolution or not.

or not.
Whatever views MPs might have whatever views Mrs might have about devolution in one form or another in principle or in practice, there was no general sense of genuine support for making the changes proposed in the Bill. (Cheers.) There was a feeling of deep unesse in both major parties

would be surprising it it were otherwise.

There were too many manuscreed questions, too many doubts to say that anything approaching a broad measure of agreement existed. It did not.

They should also face up to the politics of it. The stakes were high. The nationalist party was compaigning openly for the break-up of the United Kingdom and so long as this remained a free country they were entitled to do so. Bew people agreed with them even in Scotland, but nevertheless they could slog away at that proposition until eventually they exhausted themselves in disappointment.

Conservatives regarded themselves preeminently as the party of the union. This was the area where the first major difference between them and the Coverageent arose. them and the Government arose. The Government saw, or said they saw, no danger in the Bill for the unity of the United Kingdom.

They claimed the provisions of the Bill did not affect the unity of the United Kingdom. Maybe "no" expressly or directly (he said) but by implication certainly "yes."

The significant fact was that the Government had not made it a confidence matter and they were right to do so. It was wrong to approach a major constitutional reform in a partiann and party political way. They had done it before and ought to have learnt their lesson by now.

In the bitterness of acute interparty conflict no wise or enduring constitutional reform could be achieved. achieved.
The Conservative Penty had long

should be done.

If (he said) we handle this important subject in a totally different way we could come to a practical solution of the problem in a reasonably short time. The conference we propose would have to consider the delects in the existing system, the reforms necessary to overcome them, and the effect of those reforms on the rest of the country and upon the House.

It should not take longer than mine months. The very fact of a constitutional conference would yes". Our gut instruct (he said) is that the consequences of this Bill, if enacted, will in the course of time damage the union and quite conceivably prove fatal to its continuous.

Because of the way it had been handled so far, the House had a thuroughly unsatisfactory Bill before it. It was a imarginal improvement on the last Bill. Nevertheless, there was still an enormous number of defects in it.

The critic is the cold this Bill. The truth is (he said) this Bill The truth is (he said) this Bill will not bring government closer to people but bring still more government down upon people. For that they will have to people for that they will have to people for that they will have to people heavy price in extra millions of pounds a year. It will create another mini-Whitehall and Westminster, and will reduce the effectiveness of Scutiand's voice in the Cabinet. I do not believe the people of Scotland realize that the new executive will not be able to create jobs or reduce price, or anything like that. The Scottish executive is made subordinate to the Secretary of State.

On finance, the Government had indicated that they were prepared to device a formula for allocating funds covering a number of arrangements, but those arrangements did not appear in the Bill,

It was possible that one day the country might turn itself into some kind of federation. It did not want sider how it could work.

They were moving in Scotland under this Ball to single chamber legislation with all its faults. Scotlish polities could be initiated in a single charmer in Edinburgh and then repealed in a tew weeks by two simple votes in the Commons. The central defect which remained was the implication for the Commons. It was simply this after the Assembly was established kind of rederation, it and not want to do so now or in the foresceable future. All the schemes that lay between federation and the status quo ought to be thoroughly exam-ined and tested and the Opposition amendment set out how that should be done. after the Assembly was established members for Scorrish seats would be able to vote on matters for England on which neither they nor any other member could vote for Scalland.

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The Commons would have five different rules—one for Scotland. one for Wales, one for Northern Ireland, one for England and one for the United Kingdom, and all would be different. Only the people of England would have the whole range of their Government activities administered by MPs from every part of the United Kingdom.

That (he said) cannot be right. It cannot endure. That was the fundamental thing on which the original Irish Home Rule Bill foundered.

Every part of the United Kingdom should be governed on similar lines.

lines.

I agree with the Prime Minister when he said on December 13: "In our judgment we cannot have a country which is past federal and part unitary." And yet that seems to be precisely the course on which the Government now want to pro-

ceed.
This Bill was not the solution. This Bill was not the solution. The amendment was a positive and constructive proposal for breaking the impasse, for finding the best solution for meeting the special circlinstances of Scotland.

It was indicately more important to achieve a practicable and workable reform than to rush headlong into this reform in which the Commons, in its heart, old not believe. (Conservative cheers.)

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Mr Powell hopes measure will be destroyed

Mr. Enoch Powell (South Down, UU) said these were changes of the kind which if they were to be made at all should be made with as near full-hearted coment as could be achieved.

The Secretary of State for Scotland had been unable to explain what would be the function of Scotland P7 and the position of the House, with 71 MFs coming from a part of the United Kingdom where responsibility for a whole range of legislation was borne by educted representatives elsewhere.

The fact that that question had never been able to be answered was in this legislation attempting to do something which ran contrary to a principle established by common sense, experience and by conflex debact. The was a major need for parking to do something which ran contrary to a principle established by common sense, experience and by endless debate. These was to devolve widespead legislative authority to an elected assembly in a part of that state, unless that state was to be resolved into a feedwardon.

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The union may have started out as a partnership but for the last 70 years or so they had found that Scotland, far from being a partner, had more and more been regarded had more and more been regarded as a region or province. His party objected to the smug assurance that this House was a norm of good government and economic management. If there were any arguments in favour of that they had been demolished by the reduc-tion in the standards of the Scot-ush people over the years. If it was working to MPs that

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Mr James Sillars (South Ayrshire, Scot Lab) said that Scotland ineeded an assembly and government with economic power and a share in the oil revenues. The Bill desired the assembly the right and the means to riverse the cutantrophic trends which had been so obvious a feature of Scotlash economic performance since the early 1950s. The only hope for Scotland was economic self-measgement.

It was the electural prospects of

the Labour Party and the shabity deals in the corridors of the Commons which had determined the character, role and powers of the assembly. Scotland was not being treated as a notion bus a poblical fiefdom to be manipulated to extract a tribute of seart towards a Labour majority in the next Parliament. The Bill was the least the Government calculated they could give without losing the pullotthe on Wednesday. Mr Alick Buchann-Smith (North Angus and Meanus, C) said the Bill was better than the last with more of the elements of a federal structure in terms of devolution of powers. In this respect it was a step in the right direction. Helicopel it committee. He supported his intoged it could be improved in committee. He supported his second reading.

To his own from bench he said change their steps.

that peying Mp service to devolu-tion would no longer do.

I believe (he said) none of us as individuals or parties have the respect of anyone if we say we support devolution but oppose every practical step to my to bring it into effect.

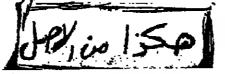
It into effect.

Mir John Mendelson (Penistone, Lab) said there were general purposes and ideas worth supporting behind the intentions of the Government. But to implement such structural changes envisaged in the Bill, and to begin the process of a long-term improvement of the political system, there must be proconditions that such structural changes should be begun without illusions and that they must be carried out with the kear support of the majority of MPs.

Mir Robin Cook (Edinburgh, Mr Robin Cook (Edinburgh, Central, Lab) said he would vote for the second reading of the Bill and for the guildine. What he wanted to do was not kill the Bill but lall the fissue. This could only be done in the referendem to follow the Bill.

Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C) said the Bill would be a drvisive mea-sure and the boped the House would throw it out. Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool. Wal-ton, Lab) said that there was no enthusiasm for the Bill in fite House or in the country. Apart from the SNP nobody wanted it.

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"You'd think," he teased, "for £3650, they'd have concealed the screws."

"Actually," I pointed out, "those tiny hexagonal screws, as you call them, are an intrinsic part of the design."

In any case, I thought to myself, they're bolts, not screws.

There were eight of them. In eighteen carat gold, locking the distinctive, geometric bezel to the face of the watch. Tightly as a porthole.

Royal Oak is a completely individual watch. Like many Audemars Piguet designs, its bold, uncompromising beauty owes more to function than to passing fashion.

For all my friend's flippancy, I could see he was fascinated.

As we spoke, his glance was continually drawn to the watch on my wrist. Its surfaces, linked together in perfect symmetry, glowed in the last rays of the sun as it set into an azure sea.

"I am reminded that the Royal Oak is waterresistant to a depth of 300 feet," I said steadying my grip on the hand rail as I watched the wake of the ship break into a million golden reflections.

"What is more," I resumed, "every Royal Oak has its own number engraved on the back. Not simply to show its exclusivity, but to provide a future indication of its history to its makers.

"So they will know at a glance not only when the watch was made, but also which craftsman assembled it, high in the Jura mountains of Switzerland.

"Polishing each part first with diamond paste, then with the pith from an elder tree and finally with the softest doeskin cloth." "It must take time," my friend commented.

"Speed is hardly the purpose of the exercise," I replied. "Indeed, the cost of a Royal Oak watch is partly a reflection of the time it takes to produce such perfection."

"But why Royal Oak'?," he persisted.

"Originally," I explained, "the Royal Oak watch was designed in stainless steel and named after two British Royal Navy steel ships from the turn of the century.

"These were named Royal Oak' after the hollow tree where the future King Charles the Second is reputed to have found refuge from his enemies."

"Ah," he smiled, "a symbol of powerful force protecting a precious life within."

"A nice definition," I said "and having made Royal Oak from one of the strongest metals in the world, what could now be more natural than to make it from the most beautiful?"

"I should like to compare them," he murmured, raising his eyes from my watch to the deepening glow on the horizon.

"Should you happen to be in New Bond Street," I suggested, "call at Asprey's. Or step across to Garrard's in Regent Street.

"Should Knightsbridge suit you better go to Graff in the Brompton Road.

"Royal Oak watches are stocked only by a small number of eminent jewellers.

"But then, they are only made in small numbers."

Audemars Piguet

La plus prestigieuse des signatures.

Football

Keegan is involved in Greenwood's two problem positions

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

For the third and, officially, last the matches for which he is sponsible as temporary manager responsible as temporary menager of England, Ron Greenwood will go his own way. That was the only guarded revelation from the team's hotel in Hertfordshire last night when Mr Greenwood was expected to amounce his team for tomorrow's world top march against Italy but said no more than there would be new caps. The Liverpool block experiment has certainly ended. has certainly ended.

The reason for the delay-was not a cause, for concern over injuries nor a way of disturbing the Italians. Mr. Greenwood said. Indeed, he would like to have named the team a long time ago, like Enio Bearzot, who said after Italy beat Finland last month that he would not change his side. Yesterday, shortly after training at Wembley, Mr. Bearaot confirmed that, with the proviso that if England surprised him with their choice he might change his.

Mr. Greenwood said: "For the first time in a long while we have got 22 fit players all rating to go and that gives an indication of their determination." He wanted to spend more time reviewing cer-The reason for the delay-was not

their determination." He wanted to spend more time rectewing certain position and to be fair to all of the 22" best players in England". He had been impressed with their application. "Possibly tills will be my last selection, so I want to make it the right one", he said, some too seriously.

"After seeing players in out-loor and indoor training today, discovered I had one or two

problems and Kevin Keegan is one of the players involved."

The new caps could well be Bonds, who would mark Bettegs. Coppell and Barnes, who can at last restore the art of using both wings, and Latchford. Only two players from Liverpool, who provided the basis of Mr Greenwood's two sides against. Switzerland and Luxembourg, may be seen, the goalkeeper, Clemence, and Hughes. If this is so, England may have formulated a team with some imagination and balance but too late and against the wrong opposition. The need to score several goals against one of the best international sides in order to have the slightest chance of reaching the World Cup final competition its Argentina pert summer will immediately put the team, whoever plays, under strale. Had Mr Greenwood been in charge earlier in the competition and been able to play a ream of bis

Had Mr Greenwood been in charge earlier in the competition and been able to play a team of his own choice in a number of games there would have been a better chance of success.

In order to gain some benefit from what I expect to be a wide and full attack England must first gain possession, a simple fact that may take on larger proportions if the Italians play as well as they may take on larger proportions if the Italians play as well as they have in recent games. If, for instance. Bonds is fully occupied with Bettega and Cherry watches Causio the interception work could become the responsibility of Wilkins, who is a young player of immense ability but may not be able to stamp authority in midfield against such high class opposition.

England call-up is just an act of courtesy-Sexton

David Sexton, who has been invited to help England prepare for their World Cup qualifying match against Italy at Wembley tomorrow, was still in Mauchester yesterday. "I have got gestro cuteritis and will not be going down today", the Manchester United manager said. "I hope to himmy bug clears up." It the himmy bug clears up." Littled have lost their last four league games and yesterday morn-Utited have lost their last four league games and yesterday morning Mr Saxton was at their training ground helping sort out problems before Saturday's home game against Norwich City. Mr Saxton dismissed reports that he was wanted by England on a long-term basis, addurg: "This week's involvement is really only a contrey thing linktd up with my position as England inder-21 manager". Mr Sexton, who has bad Chargo of two Engusud under-21 sides since Mr Greenwood took over Engiand, had some good news regarding his injuries at Old Trafford. He said "Jimmy Greenhoff had a run out with the

reserves on Saturday and tame through with flying colours and Lou Macari is also pell on the way to recovery from his ankle

Tommy Docherty, the Derby County manager, hopes to sign Nothingham Forest's 22-year-old winger, Terry Curran, today. Mr Docherty has agreed to pay Forest £50.000. Leicester City are poised to sign Geoffrey Salmons, a striker from Stoke City, for £45,000

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Bettegs, pictured arriving at Heathrow yesterday, poses a serious threat to England's defence.

Italians rely on Antognoni to bury England's hopes

Carlo Antognoni is the man lialy are relying on to bury England's faint World Cup chances at Wembley tomorrow night. England need a big victory to keep their hopes alive and they cannot si ford to allow the Italians to score. That is where Antognoni comes in according to the Italians to score. That is where Antognoni comes in according to the Italian manager England Bearzot. He thinks the 23-year-old from Florentian is the man to poach a goal.

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This is a drop of 8,000 on the restraces, after agreement between the police, GLC, the Football Association, and the Wembley antitroffices.

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Macdonald charged for offence at Norwich

forced Macdonald, the Arsenal forward, has been charged with beinging the game into disrepute by the Football Association. Macdonald was sent off for stricing the Covenny City captain. Terry Youath, at Highbury on Saturday—but the former England forward is being called to Lancaster Gate to answer the charge made against him after the match at Norwich on September 24. It is alleged that Macdonald made a gesture at a line smart.

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To timing of the hearing is in doubt at the moment. The march referen, Raymond Toseland, of Kettering, is all and will inform the FA this morning if he will be fit to travel to London for the meaning of the disciplinary commission, which is pencilled in for 2 um today.

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The commission will be headed by Verson Stokes and their powers, unlike the present system of points for fools and annomatic suspensions, are limitless. Macdonald it already due to miss the match against his former club, Newcastle United, on Saturday at St Iames's Park as punishment for last week's sending off.

One player certain to make an appearance today is Southampton's promising young midfield player, Steve Williams. His sending off with Peter Osgood at Blackburn on November 5 took him past the 20 points total and so he is liable to a maximum three-match ban.

The commission will also deal with Oscood, who is another to exceed 20 points, but he will not be making a personal appearance. Neither will Gordon McQueen, of Leeds United, also a 20-point offender.

Frank O'Farrell, the consultant manager of the fourth division club Torquay United, confirmed yesterday that he board of Newcastle United and invited to become manager. Mr O'Farrell, formerly in charge of Leicester City, Manchester United, Cardiff City, and the Iran national team, said: "Initially the approach was through my chairman, Tony Boyce, and I have now met the Newcastle board and talked things over with them.

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Badminton

English officials plan to discuss the implications of IBF ruling

By Richard Streeton

The conflict in badminton about whether the sport should go open will simmer with new urgency over the next fortuight. The International Badminton Federation have issued a new ruling that direct contracts between equipment manufacturers and players must end by October next year. Meanwhile the inaugural meeting of the breakaway World Badminton Federation takes place at Kuala Lumpur in nine days time. English officials have arranged a working lunch on Kovember 30 with manufacturers to discuss the implications of the IBF ruling. It follows the Olympic recognition recently granted to the sport. The IBF have stipulated that contracts for endorsements can now only be made with national federations. They, in turn, would plough the money back into the game itself. The leading players, predictably, are appalled at this development. The senior English players are drafting a round-robin letter for signing by everybody at next weekend's Northern Championships at Birkenbead. The letter is expected to remind the Badminton Associa-

that rich commercial interests, represented by equipment manufacturers are emirculed in the issue, the pace will surely quicken. Badminton, like many other sports these days, is rapidly advancing, one fears, to an Armageddon not emircly of its own making.

Finally, two brief memnons on the purely domestic front. The BAE have appointed Nick Endibent, their first full time development and publicity officer. Mr. Budibent, a former secretary of the Surrey Association, has been responsible in recent years on the BAE's national council for developing sponsorship for the sport. Secondly, everyone will be sorry to hear that Margaret Lockwood, the joint England No 1, has continued to have trouble with the knee from which the cardiage was removed last lune. Mrs. Lockwood sees another specialist this week but her fetura to competition seems likely to be delayed for at least two or three months. This effectively outs her out of England's Uber Cup side in the early stages of the campagn.

Australians discuss future of game with players

Sydney, Nov 14.—The Australian Cricket Board announced to-day that it would meet players' representatives on Wednesday to discuss the future of the game. The board gave no detailed outline of the meeting, which is part of regular consultations between fricket officials and players. The Packer players are not involved because the board has beamed them from official cricket.

Roard sources said they would like to hear suggestions from the six players' representatives for improving cricketers' conditions and pay, and ways of competing with the Packer series.

The players' representatives, who are elected by members of the six state Sheffield Shield sides, are the Australian captain, John Invergrity, the Test bassman, Gary Cosier, the South Australian captain, John Invergrity, the Test bassman, Gary Cosier, the South Australian captain, Jack Simmons (of Lancashire). The Sydney Sun reported today that cricket officials were concerned at the poor astendances for the opening matches played so far by the touring Indian cricket team.

The Indians, who play a five-Test pasting the test played so said will not be availed to the series on November 24.

Said, Mr Kerry Packer has signed most of the Australian Test team most of the Australian Test team which toured England

The opening match of the Packer series, involving more than 50 of the world's best players in Melbourne on November 24.

The match is a four-day trial between an Australian XI and a letween an Australian XI and a letween an Australian Captain tour.

The Australian cricketers involved in Kerry Packer's matches, which will be played at the same time as the Indian tour.

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The Indians, who play a five-The Indians, who play a five-Test series against Australia over the next three months in competi-tion with the Packer matches, have failed so far to draw more than 5,000 spectntors on any one day during matches against South Australia and Victoria. "The Tests doubtless will be a different story, but cricket is suffering a little from the loss of so many stars this year", the Sydney Sun

time as the Indian tour.

The Australian cricketers involved in Kerry Packer's matches this summer have gathered in Melbourne for their first practice together. The 23 Australian-born players will leave their Melbourne hotel tomorrow for Moorabbin mear here for a pep talk and practice until dusk.

The former Australian Test captain, Ian Chappell, told them tonight that the coming three days will decide the composition of the iddes to play in the opening match of the series on November 24. Only the West Australian Rob Langer, who has commitments as a schoolteacher and will not be available until early December, was not at tonight's team gathering.

The South Africans, Eddie

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The South Africans, Eddie
Burlow and Barry Richards, will
also attend tomorrow's practice
and Barrow will take up the vac-

Indian triumph as Victoria

fall to spinners

Melbourne, Nov 14.—Srinivas
Venkataraghavan and Erapaili Prasanna spun the Indian cricketers
to a six wickets win over Victoria
here today. Victoria, 143 for five
in their second innings overnight,
were all out today for 270, with
Venkataraghavan completing innings figures of four for 93 and
Prasanna four for 74. The Indians,
left with a target of 130 to vin
in 185 minutes, reached 130 for
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Whatmore, 39 not our overnight, was dismissed for 45 in the third over this morning after putting on 41 with Laughlin for the sixth wicket. Laughlin continued to score freely, but the Indian spinners cut away his support at the other end to set up a winning position. Callen, who added 47 in 61 min

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format next summer for the first time since 1974. Pakistan, in the first half of the season, and New Zealand are the visitors, the same opponents, regrettably their forthcoming winter tour. Both play two one-day Prudential Trophy matches before full scale Test series of three matches each.

The domestic programme retains much the same pattern as 1977 with 22 marches for each side in the county championship, although the Benson and Hedges groups have once again been reshuffled. There are again some blank periods during the summer for many teams, notably starting on May 17, June 21, July 22, August 6 and September 2. These arise partly from the later stages of the one-day competitions, but they bring a reminder that in 1979 the championship programme may be increased to 24 matches each. A fixture for Young England against a

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The first class season starts on April 19, though it has not yet been decided whether the traditional MCC match at Lord's against the county champions will be against Kent or Middlesex or a combined XI chosen from the joint champions. The John Player League opens on April 30 and the championship itself starts on May 3.

The Benson and Hedges competition begins on April 22. The country has been

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Pakistan play their first match on April 26 at Worcester. Their one-day inter-nationals are at Old Trafford and the Oval on May 24 and 26 and the Test series starts at Edgbaston on June 1, followed by the second Test at Lord's on June 15 and the third at Headingley on June 29. The New Zealanders begin at Hove against Sussex on June 24 and their one-day internationals on june 24 and their one-day internationals are at Scarborough and Old Trafford on July 15 and 17. New Zealand's Test matches are at the Oval, starting on July 25, Trent Bridge, August 10, and Lord's, August 24. The Gillette Cup final is at Lord's on September 2, and the closing round of championship games end on Erides. Friday, September 8. Swarten—Cinnerpan v Leine shire
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Borg aims for fifth successive victory

The Wimbledon champion, Bjorn Borg, wims for his fifth successive tournament wictory in the £75,000 tennis championships sponsored by Benson and Hedges at the Empire Pool, Wembley, today. The 21-year-old Swede returns to competition after four weeks' absence. Borg is favourite to win the event and the £14,500 first prize that goes with it would bring his 1977. winnings to more than a quarter of a million dollars. Nevertheless he is third in the race for the grand prix prize, one place behind the American, Brian Gottified, however, has a worse draw than Borg, and will need to be in better form than he showed in Stockholm last week to survive to the weekend.

Borg's first match is against John Feaver, who, after years of patient waiting, finally made Britain's Davis Cup team laft summer. Feaver is one of six British players, all internationals, in the nournament, and not one of them comes out with an easy first round match.

The top British player, Mark Cox, the sixth seed, opposes the South African, Bernie Mitton; John Lloyd takes on the American, Sandy Mayer, winner of the Stockholm grand prix on Sunday and Roger Taylor clashes with the volatile young American, Billy Martin, Christopher Mottram tackles the 'American foubles specialist, Sherwood Stewart, and David Lloyd, the only British survivor from the qualifying tourna-



John Fesver faces the top seed, Borg, in first round.

ment at the weekend, plays the third seed, Raul Ramirez, of Mexico, Ramirez could also pro-vide the opposition for Motiram in the second round. Gottfried, second so far in the grand prix chase for points and a huge fortune, has Ramirez, Cox and the former Wimbledon champion Stan Smith as the seeded



Doubt raised about Horton

Captain confirms worst fears

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Roger Unitey. England's captain
and number eight, who has played
no rugby this season because of
consinuing back rouble, has conirrared our worst fears by telling
the selectors that he thinks it unlikely he will play at all this season. The blow falls none the
harder for being expected, and
Lie selectors, who have been
prudent enough to think about
contingency plans, now face the
near certainty of finding a successor.

Additionally, Nigel Horton has declared himself available again, there must at least be a doubt in the minds of all those who have seen his new working routine in Toulouse whether he can retain fitness, enthusiasm and form to last the whole international

course.

Horton, now busy speaking French in a thingly disgussed Birmingham accent, is gental host at the Donjon bar in the centre of Toulouse... It is a job that keeps him on his feet until the early hours of the mortung.

There can be little question. There can be little question begin their international campaign against frence, in Paris, in mid-january. He played the match of his life against them at Twickenham lass season, and they will not have

Lions pack at the end of the series against the All Blacks is a further encouragement.

Tony Neary, deposed from the national captaincy last season and not even offered a trial—though he was recalled for the injured Rafter in Dublim and played thoroughly well—has added to his reputation in New Zenland. His performance in the Auckland International, and his leading of the Llons' pack, surely must put him back into English reckoming now There can be no great confidence that England's selectors are so minded but, assuming that he is brought back on the open side flenk, he would be another potential captain and/or pack leader.

There remains Fran Cotton, yet another former daptain of his country, but his rack record hi this respect is no happier than Neary's, and the major problem with him may be merely to decide whether he plays on the tight or loose head side. Although be performed with distinction at loose head for the Lions it looks as if he is destined to piny in his club position for England. Yet again that would be had news for Michael Burton's who remains one of the finest scrummagers in the business; and hoppier-tidings for someone like Barty Neimes, the Cardiff loose head.

If the selectors do not turn back to Dixon as captain, then they ought to consider the claims of another forward who remired from New Zealand with reputation greatly enhanced. This man is the

forgotten it. The French still tend to feel inhibited at what they regard as the "Cathedral of Rugby," and thus, so to speak, to be mindful of swearing in church.

They spoke quite a different sort of language against New Zealand in Toulouse last Friday, and the beating they gave their opponents use from mekes it more the problems that lengtand will face in two months' time.

The French forward dominance was achieved without Basuat and Rives, though England may make heart from the fact that it can be less deunting playing Francs at Parc dee Princes in mid-winter than when a Parts spring is sprung.

And the presence of four English forwards—Cotton, Wheeler, Eaumont and Neary—in the dominant may admiration for Beaumont and Neary—in the dominant one in my admiration for Beaumont and Neary—in the dominant one in my admiration for Beaumont for

mont us a man and as a lock forward ever since I saw him play a hero's part when winning his first cap against Australia in Brisbase in 1975. These days, of course, he has acquired a new stature by virtue of flying out as a replacement for the Lions and at once forcing himself into their formidable pack for the last three internationals. Though he is short on experience as a captain, I date say he would become a good motivator. Yet it might be wiser to leave him, at least for a wolle, to concentrate his thoughts in other directions.

Although he has not quite got Aithough he has not quite got the physical presence of Utiley. I knagine that Dixon remains the selectors' senior "backnop" at number eight. If he were to play in that position, the choice of Rafter and Neary as flankers should be attractive.

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Nell Manrell, with an excellent under 23 tour of Canada behind him, appears to head the official list of the younger candidates, but suffers from the disadvantage of being unable to play regularly as a number eight for his club, Rosslyn Park. Andy Ripley still has applications, though it is hard not to believe that his England days are done.

Nicholas Jeavons, of Moseley,

Nicholas Jeavons, of Moseley, and successor to Mantell in the England under-23 team, is another aspirant who is playing with in-creasing confidence and effect in creasing confidence and effect in excellent company. He is a fine bell player with all the right physical attributes, and it will be interesting to see how far he can progress this sesson.

It so happens that two more young players with the right qualities for the number eight position are both uppearing regularly at lock. These are John Scott, the England under-23 captain, with Rosslyn Park and Devon, and Nigel Pomphrey with Bristol and Gloncestershire. Scott is an outstandingly good ball player, and Pomphrey for a big man is remarkably fast.

I believe the selectors may give Scott a run for his money at No. 3 in one of the regional sides to be sanounced next week. With Scott, Mantell and Ripley available, Rosslyn Park are not exactly short of No. 8's, present or potential.

All Blacks are

key players

without

Rughy Union

Warfield and Rogers/in Steele-Bodger's XV prop who made a late start to his season) and Wikinson; and the scrum half Levis, was a Lious' replacement last summer. Hare and Wyatt will also play against Oxford University on Thursday for a Stanley's XV that is even more powerful and star-studed with seven Lions and 11 internationall in all. David Ducham is fin the centre, and Burton will complete a formidable from low that also includes Wheeler and Cotton. England's selectors should also be interested in the penfurmances of Field, the Moseley lock, and George, the Rosslyn fack scrum half. MR STEELE-BODGER'S XV: W. II. Hare itsertier: R. Cram Lundon Scottish P. W. Didge Lelepester: Sort London Weish: Redford: R. M. Wikinson (Bedford) R. M. Wikinson (Bedford) R. M. Rodgers (C. Phillips Morthambion) R. A. Rodgers (London Scottish). D. P. Roper's Redford: W. H. Hare Lelecties W. B. Brown (Coventry). N. E. French (Wesfor) D. M. Wyatt Medorit: W. M. Bonnell (London P. E. Cotton (London Weish): A. Rodgers (Bedford) R. Field (Moselry). A. Runton (Granceter) W. B. Rodgers (Broadman Park, capit). D. S. MacDhanie (Westor Scotter). R. Burder in Granceter). M. B. Harder of Rosslyn Park).

By Peter West
Peter. Warfield, an England
centre who for two successive
seasons stood down from the
Cambridge cuptaincy with a knee
injury that seemed to put his
rugby career in jeopardy, and
Budge Rogers, the former record
holder of English caps, now a
national selector, have been chosen
to play for M. R. Steele-Bodger's
NV against Cambridge University
tomorrow week. Angus Stewart,
the London Scottish flank forward,
who took over the Cambridge the London Scottish flank forward, who took over the Cambridge captaincy from Warfield is also in the side.

Warfield's knee let him down again in the Rosslyn Park trials this season, but since then he has played strongly and without ill effects for his club or for Sussex in several mid-week games. These days he is teaching theology and coaching rugby at Christ's Hospital. Rogers, who injured his back when playing for a "Golden Oldies" team on Sunday, has not appeared in a first class match since retiring at the end of Bedford's season in 1975-76.

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There are seven internationals in Smele-Bodger's XV, the others being Hare, Wyatt, Wilson, Cowling (the Leicester and England

Olympic Games

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Moscow, Nov 14.—Rhodesia and South Africa will be excluded rom the 1980 Moscow Olympics, he chairman of the Olympic, lames o panizing committee, gnati Novikov, announced today. Ar Novikov, announced today, ir Novikov, anno

"We will have to leave remeasuring until the weekend when there are no parked cars about Mr Gamble said. During the race a policeman riding a motorcycle with a calibrated odometer measured the course and said it was about 656 yards short of the offi-cial distance.—UPI.

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SAO PAULO: Bruttlan Open: 274:
V. Fernander, 68, 67, 68, 71, 377:
M. Pidero, 74, 69, 66, 68: L. Graham, 72, 67, 68, 70, 279: E. Darcy, 58, 71, 69; 71, 281: J. Simons, 69, 73, 67, 75, 282: N. Fador, 72, 71, 72, 76; L. Ziegler, 70, 71, 72, 71, 72, 70; A. Culnieros, 71, 72, 73, 69; G. Hunt, 73, 77, 76, 70, 290: R. de Vicenzo, 75, 71, 71, 72: P. Townsend, 72, 74, 64, 75, 73, 74, 78, 298: D. Chillis, 75, 77, 70, 76; B. Brid. 75, 75, 72, 75, 72, 75.

Haydock given right royal treatment

By John Karter
National Hunt racing received an early and extremely valuable Christmas gift yesterday with the announcement of a new £25,000 handicap hurdle—the richest race of its kind. Sponsored by Royal Doulton, it will be run over two miles at Haydock Park on Bank Holiday Monday, May I.

The Haydock event takes over from the Schweppes Gold Trophy at Newbury in February as the most valuable handicap hurdle in the calendar. And Royal Doulton, wnose first venture into race sponsorship this is, do not stop there. Besides the £15,000 they are giving for the hurdle—to be called the Royal Doulton Handicap Hurdle, believe it or not—they are to give £2,500 to two other races on this mixed card, a handicap steeplechase for novices and a five furlong race for two-year-olds.

The Royal Doulton Hurdle has

and a nive in long year-olds.

The Royal Doulton Hurdle has a weight range of 2st and no penalty will increase a horse's weight above 12st. Pat Firth, the clerk of the course at Haydock, said: "By restricting the weight

horses."

Certainly few owners and trainers of top-class hurdlers, including the winner of the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in March will be able to resist the lure of such big money, even if their horse has endured a long and ardures easem. It is perhaps their horse has endured a long and ardvous season. It is perhaps premature to be even thinking about the winner, but with the likelihood of firmer ground than usually prevails at Cheltenham, the race could be just what the yet ordered for the speedy Sea Pigeon, whose Champion Hurdle applrations have so far floundered in the mud.

in the mud.

But, nosediving from the heady munificence of May Day to the meagre morsels of a tepid Tuesday in November, the burning question in most people's mind is probably: "What will win the 2.15 at Teesside Park?" Glorying in the name of the John Jorrocks Handicap Steeplechase, this extended three-mile race is, with a penalty value of £862, the most valuable event on today's three tards.

valuable event on today's three cards.

Only four have been left in to pursue the fabulous sum offered, but three of these are useful, established handicap steeple-chasers and a close-fought contest is likely. Sir Garnet, Collingwood and Hidden Value are the three in question and they, together with Trevino, the only other runner today, met at Doncaster earlier this month. Then, Hidden Value won easily by five lengths from Collingwood, with

Leicester programme

1.0 BEGINNERS' HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £536: 2m)

1.30 BARKBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £323: 2m)

2.0 MEASHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £668: 3m)

Trevino fifth and Sir Garnet a well-beaten last of six.

Hidden Value is worse off at the weights with his rivals now, but he won in such style that he could well confirm the form. Collingwood is so game and consistent that he will always be difficult to beat in this sort of company, but his front-running style could be ideal for Hidden Value's jockey to wait and pounce towards the finish. Sir Garnet was one of the best handicappera in the north last season when he won three times. On that form he would probably win, but he may need another race or two to bring him to his peak.

Gordon Richards, the trainer of Sir Garnet, has sound prospects

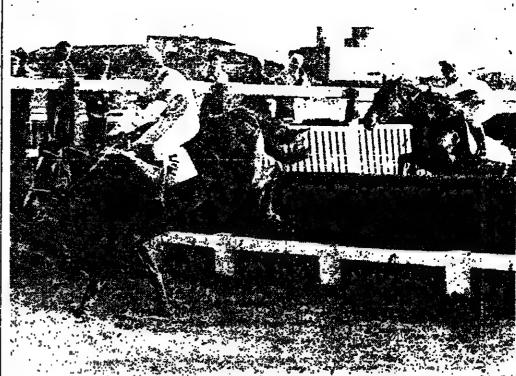
bring him to his peak.
Gordon Richards, the trainer of Sir Garnet, has sound prospects of soaking up the prize money of the next: race on the Teesside card, the Mr Sponge Handicap Hurdle, with Coufluence, already three times a winner this season. Confinence was unlucky in runing when third to Jane Again at Hexham in his most recent race. This time he may have to give best to the lightly-weighted Hopeful Bloom, who ran promisingly when seventh to Holly Twist at Carlisle. Dangers abound in this open handicap, Igloo Fire and Katmandu being just two who catch the eye.

At Leicester it may be worth taking a chance with Double Negative against the likely lavourite and former Gold Cup hope, What a Buck, in the Measham Handicap : teeplechase. Double Negative did not run at all badly in the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham recently. French Saint, who blundered away his chance at the last hurdle when third to San Patricio at Folkestone, could be another to upset a favourite when he takes on the Windsor winner, Strong Hand, in the second division of the Boginners' Novices' Hurdle.

STATE OF COINC (AIRCRAFT: LABINAY, good: Leicester, good: Teesing Park, good to firm. Tomorrow Kamples Park, good to soft; Sedgefield, good to firm.

Pharly is champion The champion racehorse of Europe in the Cilbey compedition is the French-trained Pharly. Of the top 25 places, Gantihombre and Dunfermine are the only horses bred and trained in Switch.

Tamalin fancied Ladbrokes report support for Tamalin in their sure-post betting on the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. Gordon Richards's charge is now 10-1 from 12-1.



After the Sliver Fox: Aldaniti goes over the last fence chased by Lean Forward.

Aldaniti maintains Gifford's run

Uniford's stable this season and Aldania, his Hemesay Gold Cup Addanit, his Hennessy Gold Cup representative became the Findon trainers' twenty-second of the season by landing the Leicestershire Silver Fox Handicap Steeple-chase at Leicester yesterday.

Aldanit, who is set to corry only 10st in the Hennessy, a race which Gifford failed to win in his riding days, joined the pacenaking favourite. Lean Forward, turning for home with three fences to negotiate. Bob Champion took the seven-year-old to the front at the second-last fence and the combination had no trouble in drawing four lengths clear of the top-weight, Irelands Owen, who deprived the favourite of second place. Fürgrove was the only other finisher of the field of six.

Explaining that Aldanit was the last borse bought by his father-in-law before his death, Gifford tak! "I had my doubts aboot him winning first time out this season, but he always runs well when he is fresh and Bob says he stays forever." He recalled that representative became the Findon

he won with the gelding himself at Ascot and that same night sold him to Mr and Mrs Nicholas Embiricos.

Gifford is likely to have runners in both the Black and White Whisky races at Ascot on Saturday—Kilbroncy in the Gold Cup Steeplechase, provided the going does not become heavy, and Kybo in the Handicap Hurdie.

Kines Or Better, on whom John Burke rude such a good race to win the Bosworth Field Novicus' Steeplechase, is a magnificent looking six-year-old, whom Fred Rimell thinks might make a Grand National Liverpool horse one day. "He's so big and bold", he said, whom he tracked from the start of the three miles to draw level with him going into the lat. On the run in Kings Or Better strode sway to beat the pacemaker by seven longths, with Jackstones snother eight lengths away third. Rimeil trains Kings Or Better, whom he described at still a "big baby" and a "man's ride", for Mrs Mary Curtis, whose husband John farms in Yorkshire.

Fred Witter brought off a double by sending out the last two winners, Pueblo and Double Bluif, both ridden by John Francome. Pueblo won the Thorpe Satchville Handicap Hurdle from Streakland and The Fraddler. Double Bluif foiled a David Morley double by became the Savantee. Glissande, by seven lengths in the second division of the Sloughton Novices' Hurdle.

Morley captured the first division of the nivices hurdle with the 6-4 on favourite. Crowning Issue, running for him for the first time since joining his Bury St Edmunds stable from Ireland during the summer. Christopher Thornton, who took over Spigot Lodge on the death of Sam Hall and turned out 34 flat winners this year, gained his first jumping success at Carlisle yesterday. It came through Mister Geoffrey (3-1), who beat Master Milan impressively by three lengths in the first division of the Ambleside Novices Hurdle.

Mister Geoffrey is fast becoming a course specialist—he has twice won the Cumberland Plate.

SILEBY OPPORTUNITY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £520: 2m) 1 38-2210 No Beferes (B). D. Nicholson, £13-7 ... 2 00-300 Calleville (D). T. Forsier (-11-10 ... 1 1012-00 Cetten Coon (B). T. Brookshaw, 7-11-10 ... 5 130- Frede, U. Balding, 11-12-3. ... 6-4 Frode, 2-1 Cetten Coon, 7-3 No Defence. 5-1 Culteville. | S. | Nive | Crawtord | T | Colons | C 3:0 WALTHAM HURDLE (Handicap : £653 : 2m) 3.30 BEGINNERS' HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o: £521: 2m) ... I. Cox 7 B. R. Darlos F. Barron M. Lov.7; 3 I. Waitinson S. Parsyn J. King P. Tuck H. Doney F. Leach P. Leach Nymun, 10-1 Wotton

Craig called before Jockey Club

The Scottish trainer, Tommy Cruig, has been called before the stewards of the Jockey Club for the third time this season. Craig goes to Portman Square on Monday to explain the running of Mrs Walker in a povice hurdle at Perth The local stewards inquired into

the flily's poor performance-after a slow start, she became tailed off and was eventually pulled up after the sixth flight-and not being Craig's representative, they terred the matter to higher authority.

Craig also saddled the winner of the race, Tanales Brother, a 5-4 un chance partnered by Michael Emis. Mrs Walker was ridden by David Goulding, who is also ex-pected to attend Monday's inquiry.

Ludlow programme 1.15 CORVEDALE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 2m)



Ludiow selections

By Our Racing Staff 1.15 King's Fling. 1.45 Coolafancy. 2.15 Invergayle. 2.45 Busch. 3.15 Knock On. 3.45 Jobs Mill.

CRAINSE

CHASE (Handicap: 2609: 2m)

Stag Party, ch g, by Royal Buck—
Santa Ballo (Mrs I. Pirman),
9-10-0 ... J. J. O'Neili (14-1) 1

Cromwell Road R. Barry 8-11 (av) 2

Winter Chimes ... J. Toland (7-4) 3

Et Tu ... Mr E. Collins (5-1) 2 Knivargh ... Yr R. 1903 (192) 3 ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav John McNab (din., 10-1 Shockgroof, 22-1 Seven the Quadrant, 35-1 Stella's Pot (p). 7 run. TOTE: Win. Sop. places, 81p. 22n; dual forecast, 21.78. W. A. Siephen-son, Bishop Anckland, 51, 41. Jailer. 12 ran TUTE Win, 53p; places, 11p, 20p, 28p; dual forcest, 25,20, C. Thorn-ton, at Middicham V. nk. 3.16 :2.17; PATTERDALE SYEEPL5-CHASE Handicap; 2726; 5m; Winter Chimes . J. Tolland (7-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Doriesa, 4 ran.
TOTE: Win. S1.41: dual forecast.
350. B. Wilkinson, at Middleham.
71. nk. Ketton Lad did not run.
1.15 (1.18) COCKERMOUTH HURDLE (Handicap: \$430: 2m 1/s)
Three Visions, b f, by Three DonsNicky's Vision (W. A. Stochesson), 4-11-7 Mr G. Dann (11-4) 7

Leicester results 15 ran. TOTE: Win. 16p: rincos, 11n. 11p. Th: dual forecast. 3Ap. D. Morley, at Bury St Edmunds. Nk. 3',1. 1.30 (1.31) JUNIORS HURDLE (25/8 I.30 (1.51) dUNIORS HUNDLE (2016)

Simi Sar (Mrs M. 1769man., 3-10-3 J. Pearce (3-1) 1

Star Muste... R. Coldstein (3-1) 2

Jocks Boad ... H. J. Evans (H-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 La Hurse, 4-1

Commuter. Merry Leap, 10-1 Turfor
House Branch, 25-1 Johnges, Perhad

(p). Robette, Romargien, 33-2 Princess

Advisor, Bavia, Billion, 13-3 Nads Hour.

44th, Royal Lill. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win. 30p; places, 15p, 21p,

19p; dual forcast, 8dp, P. Feigate, al

Astockton, 51. The winner was

bought in 10r 1.000 gns.

2.0 (2.5) LEICESTEENHRE SILVER Sought in 101 1.000 grs.

2.0 (2.5) LEICESTERSHIRE SHAWER
FOX STERPLECHASE (11.67" "2"m)
Aldaniti, in 9. by Derra, HaReadredu (8. Chamber, 7.10.1 1
Ireland's Owen R. Chamber, 7.10.1 1
Ireland's Owen R. P. Bischer (7.2) 2
Loan Fordward
H. J. Evans (2.1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 72 Filiprote (4lh.
55-1 Feet Free (4l), 50-1 Cherry God
11' 6 ran.
TOTE: Win. 3-9: places, 21p. 20u;
dual forecast, 81p. J. Gifford, at
Finden. 41. 31. Rapalle did not reh Findon. 41. Si. Rappille did not rein

2.30 (2.35) BOSWORTH FIELD

STEEPLECHASE (2504. 3m)

Kings or Better, b. g., by Paveb—
Cucens of Better (47. M. Curtis) Better (47. M. Curtis) 6-11-0 J. Burke (13-2) 1

Jackstones ... R. Dickin (5-1) 2

Jackstones ... R. Dickin (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN. 7-2 fav Monty Python.

7-1 Boniley Green (7), 14-1 Arctic

Granada (14th., 16-1 The Stuckley

Suttre (p), Maria Mine, 20-1 Dolben

Lax. Falsone Princ King, 20-1 Dolben

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TOTE Win. 435; placos, 12p 14p,

10p; dual forecas, 57p, T. F. Rimell,

at Severn Stoke, 71, 81. at Severn Stoke, 7i, 8i.

3.0 (3.5) THORPE SATCHVILLE
HURDLE (Handicap: £509; 3an)
Pouble, br g, by Aalec—Perlinacity
(Mrs. I. Dewhinst), 3-11-10
Streakind P. Leach (6-1)
Streakind P. Leach (6-1)
Tost, 1-1-1 Barchaya Oyn (4h), 503d
Goid, 33-1 Blakedown, Benly Boy, Don
1-22rd, Glarles Swill, Nu Compare,
Roise You Again, Gay Fudor, 13 ron
TOTE: Win, 26p; places, 16p, 23p,
11p; dual forecast, 75p, F. Winter, at
Lambourn, 2', 1, 15i. Lambourn. C'.J. 151.

3:30 : 3:31; STOUGHTON HURDLE
:Div II: 4-y-o novices: \$516 ' 2m;

Double Siuff. b g. by No Argument
-Over Called 'Mrs 9. Bruwn:
10-10 ... J. Francone (1-1); 1
Glissando ... B. R. Davies: 15-2 [av] 2
Evers ... J. Prarte (7-2: 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Crazy Harred,
13-1 Levtimmis, Roaming Minstret,
18-1 Co Srouthire. 20-1 Star Query,
Think Big 25-1 Jack Donners 3:
Crook of Devon (14), I'm The Boss.
Banthy Broad, Cold Nick, Betsy May,
(p): 15 ran. TOTE: Win, 67p; places, 17p, 15p, 15p, 15p; dual forecast, 51 03 °F, Winter, at Lambourn, 71, 101.

TOTE DOUBLE Aldanin, Pashlo. EIR.IU. 'REBLE, Briney's Is'and, Kings or Better, Double Birff, C22 13.

Teesside Park programme



Teesside Park selections By Our Racing Staff

1.15 Romany Light, 1.45 Deependant, 2.15 Hidden Value, 2.45 Hopeful Bloom, 3.15 Drx, 3.45 Qualuz.

Leicester selections

By Our Racing Staff 1.0 Mr Playbirds, 1.30 Toughle, 2.0 Double Negative, 2.30 Frodo, 3.0 Ryball Grouge, 3.30 French Saint. By Our Newmarket Correspondens
1.0 Mr Playbirds, 3.0 Rilke, 3.30 French Saint.

2.13 /2 JA; KESWICK STEEPLE-CHASE (Novices: 2428; 2nn)

Prablhas, b h by Sahth-Pricartous (G. Roe), 5-11-0 R. Mangan (J. C. Sahthas), b h by Sahth-Pricartous (G. Roe), 5-11-0 R. Mangan (J. C. Sahthas), b h by Sahth-Pricartous (J. C. Roe), 5-11-0 R. Mangan (J. C. Roe), 5-11-0 R. Mangan (J. C. Sahthas), b h by Sahthas (J. C. Sahthas), b h by Sahthas, b h containing (J. C. Sahthas), b h containing (J. C. Sahthas),

Despite doubts, the Danes know the **EEC** gives them a good deal

The staunchest and most effusive champions of the EEC, it is often noted, are its smallest members who see in the Community a means of retaining a say in international affairs which they would not have on their own. While that may be generally true, the Danes, who take over the EEC presidency from the Belgians in six weeks' time, clearly do some violence to this stereotype.

Indeed, in many of their attitudes to the EEC the Danes have more in common with the British than with any of their smaller Community partners. Although referenda in both countries produced substantial majorities in support of EEC membership, periodic opinion polls show that as many as half of their inhabitants remain stubbornly sceptical and disbelieving of its benefits.

The visitor to Copenhagen finds much the same popular dislike of the harmonizing and standardizing aspect of the EEC es in Britain, the same quick-ness to see a threat to native customs from a meddlesome, Frenchified officialdom in Brussels, and the same distrust of those, particularly in the Benelux countries, who would like to force the pace of political and economic integra-

Among politicians, even pro-Europeans like Mr Anker Joergensen, Prime Minister of Denmark's minority Social Democratic government, sound a distinction of the second of th distinctly cautious note. Direct distinctly cautious note. Direct elections to the European Parliament? Mr Joergensen is all for them provided the Parliament does not get ideas above its station. "It is only a place for discussion", he says. "Law making must romain a matter for national governments and retional coral governments."

and national parliaments."
Similarly, neither Mr Joergensen nor his Foreign Minister, Mr K. B. Andersen, sees ter, Mr K. B. Andersen, sees any future in trying to force majority voting on a reluctant Council of Ministers, though they both agree that the national veto has been used too indiscriminately. The aim of the Danish presidency will be rather "to promote acceptable solutions by consensus" and solutions by consensus", and not to force invidual countries

into a corner.

Like Mr Callughan, Mr
Joorgensen has to contend with
an influential anti-Market lubby within his own party which was strong enough at the last party congress to force through, against his will, a resolution calling for the establishment of a special committee to examine and report on the results of Donmark's EEC membership. About 14 per cent of the 179 seats in the Folketing are held by anti-Market left-

meetings in Brussels are kept on a tight roin by a parliamen-tary watchdog committee whose considerable powers turn visit-ing Tribunite Labour MPs

green with envy.

No Danish ministers can attend an EEC meeting in Brussels or Luxembourg without first seeking the endorse-ment of the all-party committee for the Government's negotiating position. Any significant departure from the agreed position has to be referred back to the committee for approval before the Government can commit itself to an EEC propo-

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sal, failure to do so could bring a no-confidence motion.

Comparisons with Britain should not be pressed too far. While in Britain pro-Europeans generally concede that the economic pros and cons of EEC membership were fairly evenly balanced, and made much play of the political case for entry, Danes of all political colours agree that there was only one good reason for Denmark going in and for staying in now: the common agricultural policy. As a country heavily depen-dent on both industry and agri-culture, which still accounts for 30 per cent of total exports, it is difficult to see how the Danes could get a better deal than they have now. Inside the EEC, they have access to a common agricultural market which embraces both of their principal customers, the British and the Germans, and at the same time

they are members of a Euro-pean industrial free trade area that now includes their old Efra partners as well,
Danish anti-Marketeers cannot seriously challenge this analysis, and this accounts for some of their shrillness, but they can exploit Danish temperamental dislike of the kind of organization the EEC is and reluctance to cut the Nordic of organization the EEC is and reluctance to cut the Nordic umbilical cord. For its part, the Government cherishes the close links it still retains with its Scandinavian neighbours and openly encourages the Effa countries in their desire for a more intimate association with the EEC.

the EEC.
The Danes feel that such a development would balance the enlargement of the EEC towards the Mediterranean which is now under way. But they believe any concrete initiatives must come from the Efta side because of the delicate neutral-let position occupied between East and West by Austria and Finland, an associate Efra mem-

ber.

If there is ultimately no viable diterantive to the EEC for most Danes, things appear rather differently to the 50,000 inhabitants of Greenland, the huge, largely ice-covered island stuck in mid-Atlantic some 2,000 miles off the coast of Western Europe, which is governed at present as a province of Donmark. It is a distinct possibility that in about two years' time the Greenlanders will vote to withdraw from the EEC.

A special constitutional commission is expected to recom-

A special constitutional com-mission is expected to recom-mend next spring that the Greenlanders should be given a home rule status similar to that of the Faroe Islands, which voted in early 1974 not to take up the option of joining the Community along with the rest of Denmark. In the national of Denmark. In the national ruferendum of 1972, some 70 per cent of Greenlanders voted "no", but they were swamped by the overall "yes".

If the Greenlanders vote for autonomy. it is expected that they will then use their new powers to demand a referen-dum on continued EEC mem-bership. Much will depend on whether the Danish government can negotiate satisfactory EEC arrangements to protect Green-land's fishermen, whose interests are quite different from their mainland compatitions. Keeping the Greenlanders sweet is important because the island is a potentil source of oil, uranium and other minerals.

Michael Hornsby

Sir Alec Guiness

Bernard Levin

Get the knives out, we're back to that Great British Disaster, the 'caff'

Ho, well now, you wouldn't expect me to keep out of the row between Sir Charles Forte and Mr Egon Ronay, would you? And who am I-ever the servant of my public-to disappoint expectation? So here es, particularly since neither of the contestants has so far even menrioned the most important element in the matter they discussing. Curiously

enough, they have both re-frained for the same reason. which is one of delicacy, an affliction from which, happily. I am altogether free. So we now inaugurate Plain Speaking Tuesday.

First, however, a summary of the story so far. In that corner, Mr Egon Ronay, the 1978 edition of whose hotel and

restaurant guide has just been published. Mr Ronay includes a section on motorway res-taurants and cafeterias, some of which are run by Trust Houses Forte. Of the 56 estab-Houses Forte. Of the 56 estab-lishments examined, Mr Ronay's organization rates one us "Good", 14 as "Acceptable", 29 as "Poor" and 12 as "Appal-ling". On page 54 of the Ronay Guide be gives some of the general cruicisms, describing the "food" served in these places, and he goes into more detail with each entry; out of consideration for those of my readers who take me with their readers who take me with their breakfast I shall not actually quote the Ronay account of what he and his inspectors found; it is no exaggeration at all to say that the mere reading makes one feel decidedly sick. To this assault Sir Charres, in

the other corner, has replied; before summarizing his case, I am bound to point out that, although all the catering chains

the others. Indeed, if you take as a criterion the proportion of each group's establishments which are either poor or appall-ing, Trust Houses Forte, with 11 out of 15 do slightly better than Mobil OH (two out of two). Top Rank (eight out of nine) and Galleon Roadchef (five out of six), and only just worse than Granada (seven out of

That, however, is all the com-fort I have to offer Sir Charles. In praising motorway food stau-dards in his letter to The Times, he gallantly undergook Times, he gallantly underrook to mount a general defence, not confining himself to his own places; what is more. Sir Charles being a vigorous and unafraid scrapper (as anyone who has followed his admirable struggle against union intimidation at his establishments in Oxford and elsewhere will know) he acred on the switcht know), he acted on the ancient principle that attack is the best form of defence, and lambasted Mr Ronay for, among other things, using inadequately trained staff, and food-guide writers generally for being "self appointed" and for not being professional hoteliers and Corerers
Now Sir Charles had no case

at all, and Mr Ronay, in yen-terday's letters page, had no difficulty at all in disposing entirely of the strawless bricks flung at him. As he said, for flung at him. As he said, for instance, it is not criticism of disgusting food that puts off tourists; it is the disgusting food. And he didn't even hother to take up the point about food guides not Leing published by hoteliers and

judge in his own cause, and I suppose Sir Charles would not argue that the voters should not be allowed to express their political views because they are not politicians, nor that a pedestrian has no right to pro-test about being run over because he is not a motorist. And,
as I have myself often pointed
out, you don't have to be a
glazier to complain that the
windows are dirty. "Who are
you to criticize the food?" cried the restaurant proprietor indignantly; replied Groucho: "Who do you have to be to criticize the food?" And there leave the argument between I leave the argument between Sir Charles Forte and Mr Ronay, quite certain that the former is wrong beyond the hope of rescue, and the latter right beyond the need of it. What interests me is something different, which is, as I have himed, at the root of the problem, and which neither of the contestants has so far discontestants has so far discontestants.

Sir Charles, as it happens, accidentally opens the bag in his letter, when he says that the assessment of motorway

contestants has so far dis

is apparently at variance with a survey carried out by the Department of the Environ-ment, which reported that 79 per cent of people using motorpay service areas were saisfied with the food they received.

In that single, appetling statement, which rings like a passing-bell as the coffin of

ing almost beyond imagination, and the natural tendency of people like Mr Ronay is to blame shose who sell it; indeed, in his reply to Sir Charies, Mr Ronay even says that the remedy kes in the hands of the Ministry of Trans-port, from which the motorway

concessionaires get their licen-ses, and which ought to "herry" them to do better. But the remedy lies in the very hands which carry the disease: those of the customers. The British are fed like pigs because shey do not mind eating like pigs; indeed, a misanthrope like Mr Auberon Waugh would go further and declare that they actually are pigs, though to those lengths I cannot follow him. The reason for this state of

affairs is as yet undiscovered, and may be undiscoverable. But the briefest glance at standards in other countries shows how amazing the state of affairs actually is. The difference be-tween an American sandwich and a British one, for instance, or an American hamburger and the native variety (at any rate the British-born, for there are American chains in Britain now which so far, I believe, operate on American standards, though I fear that in time they will be dragged down to our level) is, to put it with doubtless offensive plainness, the difference between food and fifth. The difference between the food served at an English "caff" and its exact equivalent in Germany or Austria is likewise the difference not between two qualities, but between two

serving motorway food come out of the test very badly indeed, siter all, it is a sound prin-crux of the whole affair. Sir Charles's are no worse than ciple that no man should be a Cheap British food is disgust served a sausage in an average British cafeteria, would literally not know what thing it was that he had on his plate, and a Frenchman served soup in a similar establishment would ask his neighbour, in all seriousness, what he was supposed to do with the sruff, since it simply would not occur to him that he was expected to swallow it.

> catering for those who cannot afford, or who (and the ingly important) can afford but choose not to, anything better. And I do not want to hear from those who had a perfectly delicious meal only last week in just such an establishment, or who had an entirely dreadful one the week before in one of the countries I have praised by comparison : of course there are many exceptions to any such general argument. But in general, British cheap food is the worst in the civilized world, and the service matches it. And the reason is that the customers put up with it.

put up with it.

Face facts, do; if you nerve yourself to complain about the revoking food, the squaler of the surroundings, or the incivility and incompetence of the staff, what is the worst part of your resulting ordeal? It is not the indifference or hostility of those to whom you are complaining, but the fact that all around you are your fellow-customers, thinking (and sometimes saying aloud) that you are in the wrong, and that you are in the wrong, and that the cold, greasy bacon, the eggs cooked in rancid fat, and

the margarine-strewn slice of stances. A German, for instance, state bread, represent a Luculian bauquet which you ought to be glad to eat.

And until your fellow-cus tomers change their artitude, the food you are complaining speak as one of those who are fortunate in being able to afford good food, but the rage that possesses me whenever circumstances oblige me to eat I must stress that I am talkdigestion or even my life; is principal reason is the fact that millions of my fellow-countrymen have imaginations so narrow that they are willing to cut up with what they are given, and what they are given

is a disgrace. I do not know how this state of affairs is to be changed, for aithough it is obvious that it atthough it is obvious that it will be changed when the customers insist that it shall, I can think of no way of persuading them to insist. There would be assault and battery in most of Europe, a lawsuit in the United States, and murder on a lavish scale in France, if somebody started to serve in those countries the cheap food that is found acceptable in this one. But here, the only sound is the champing of jaws on it, and the only action the passing of the ketchup-bottle. Sir Charles Forte is wrong to say that British motorway food is tolerable, for it is not. But Mr Ronay is wrong, too, to put the blame on the providers of it. Countries get not only the governments they deserve, but also the food.

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Making sure overseas aid goes where it is needed

Overseas aid, now about £630m a year from this country, is tax-payers' money, so it cannot be removed from politics. And if there are aid advocates who wish to promote international egalitarianism by mulcting the well-to-do and productive, they must expect to be challenged by those who see things dif-ferently. Existing aid commitments and vested interests ensure that large-scale aid will continue for many years. But policies require urgent reexamination.

Sustained Western aid has gone to governments which have pursued such policies as brutally enforced collectivization, compulsory mass sterilization, and the persecution, evic-tion and even genocide of ethnic minorities in Asia and Africa. Substantial British aid has gone, and some still goes. to rich Opec countries, as wel as to many governments which have expropriated British assets. essential to development and paradoxically often retards it. It would be best to finish as soon as practicable this system of handours which harms pat-rons and often the patronized as well. But the immediate political task, albeit a secondbest solution, is to consider how aid can be improved and its

To begin with, aid should take forms which make it possible to identify its costs and its benefits. This rules out commodity agreements, because their results tend to be perverse and their overall impact impossible to assess. They raise the cost of necessities to very poor people in both rich and poor countries.

ducers, who are generally make the process disinterested much poorer than those who benefit. Thus these schemes, designed ostensibly to help the poorest, in fact harm them. This form of aid also bypasses any budgetary control within governments. This further reonor countries.
Should aid consist of grants or loans? The practice of giving loans with long

maturity and at subsidized in-terest rates conceals the very grant element and con-investment with bandouts. These loans set up ten-sions between donors and recisions between quadra and reci-pients: the donors see them as gifts, while the recipients feel them a burden. These tensions provoke demands for debt cancellation. Bur this concession famurs the incompetent or those who honour their obligations. Neither result benefits the poorest Loans are also manipulation, such as interest which inhibit the effective calculation of the amount of aid.

Again, aid in kind and tied grants Confuse assistance to recipient governments with subsidies to industrial or commercial interests in the donor country. Recipients understandof dumping surpluses and exporting unemployment.

Aid should therefore take

the form of grants. Should these be multilateral or bilateral, and to whom should they go? The advocates of multilateral aid argue that this is more objective, disinterested and effective, being unfertered by domestic pressures and parliamentary procedures of the donors. Donor governments do indeed bave little control over the spending of multine-tional aid, and their taxpayers have none. But this does not supplies have to be restricted by excluding

duces such effectiveness as aid may possess for development, because contacts between the suppliers and the users of capital promote its productivity—
as witness the multinational

company.

Staff members of international aid organizations have distinct political, professional and personal interests. Most of mosticuents tone. Third regard themselves increasingly as spokesmen for the Third World or even as part of its establishment. They press for persistent expansion of aid. They also favour preferential treatment of governments committed to extensive ecol controls, as this suits both their own interests and those of their constituents.

of their constituents.

Many officials, consultants and academics working with aid organizations are hostile to the market system and to the West. Thus Professor Bhagwati, a prominent and influential development economist, hial development economist, concludes his tembook The Economics of Underdeveloped Countries: Indeed, for the idealists amongst us, the challenge of development represents today the kind of invigorating stimulus for sustained action that the Soviet revolution was for progressive tion was for progressive opinion after the First World War."

There are indeed menacing prospects. Multinational aid is already becoming part of the campaign to equalise world incomes and living of the campaign to equa-lise world incomes and living standards. This is the avowed objective of the su-called "new

But international egali-mianism involves large-scale coercion—and the wider the area over which this is attempted, and the more remote the coerced from those who exercise the coercion, the more intensive, ruthiesa lasting the process must be. And there are pacemakers

And there are pacemakers at work For instance, Dr Mahbub ul Heq, Director of the Policy Planning Department of the World Bank, writes in The Poverty Curtain (1976): "A major part of bargaming strength of the Third World has in his policied unity This: "unity is going to be even more important in the struggle ahead."

If multinationalization objectionable per se, the bila-teral method has merits of its own. Wasteful or barbarous policies can be checked under a bilareral system, while the

a bilareral system, while the EEC has still to end its aid to President Amin.

The impact of official aid is at best marginal, and even this in turn raises the important part of the recipient. External trade, on the other hand, is an effective stimulus to economic development the human and financial resources which trade attracts will be more responsive to local realities than aid can ever be. can ever be.
During the past 100 years,

external trade and the local response to it has transformed economic life in much of the Third World, notably South-East Asia, Africa and Latin America. The West could accelerate the process by relaxing its restrictions on imports from poor countries.

Tariffs obstruct international

trade. The published rates of own.
duty often understate their real impact. The effective lavel Switzerland. In June 1976, Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

times the nominal tariff when the raw materials are duty free times the nominal tariff when the raw materials are duty free and the finished product is subject to duty. (GATT officials have estimated that a United Kingdom tariff of 10 per cant on oppper wire represents a real rate of protection of 77 per cant for copper processing.) Imports are also restricted by quota. Britain limits the import of textiles, shoes and other Third World products in this way. Last July, imports of television sets from South Korea were abruptly cut from an expected 300,000 a year to a maximum of 35,000.

Protectionist measures obstruct profinable investment, frustrate employment and stifle economic sevelopment in the Third World. Yet they evoke little or no protest from the aid lobbles.

Why should this surprise us? Professional humaniantians dismiss those who can do with

to help others. Official aid is financed by harpyars who have to pay up whether they like it or not Aid crusaders habituarly ignore this crucial distinction. Voluntary agencies are already active in the Third World—the religious, medical and technical charities, and the familiar disaster relief organizations—and idany of them do invaluable work. They could do more, particularly by taking over tasks which governments over tasks which governments have come to consider their

of protection may be many Swiss electors voted in a referendum on a government proposal to provide substantial tunus for immediums to Third World governments. The pro-posal was backed by the posal was backed by media, the charches, universities and schools. It was heavily defeated.

basis, of about £200m in United Kingdom terms. If the tax treament of cifts to charky were liberalized in this country and if it became clear that the relief of acute need was no longer part of official aid, similar results might wall be achieved here. achieved here.

Finally, how should official bilateral grants be allocated? We suggest that they should so governments whose domes tic and external policies are most likely to promote the economic progress and general weiture of their peoples.

welfare of their peoples.

Judgments in this area will be disputed on political grounds. Committed socialists may appleed current trends. We would sooner see the world's poor on a more hopeful course, with official Western aid conrentrated on countries where humane leadership, effective administration and personal freedom can foster economic adreedon can toster sconomic au-vance. We are sure it camot be in the interest either of the West, or of the ordinary people of the Third World, that aid should be enguifed by an incer-national tide of totalitarian

P. T. Bauer and

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How Buildwas became Market Blandings

Some villages, like some men, have greatness thrust upon them. From this week, Build-was in Shropshire is such a village and I only hope that it has the resilience to cope with the situation.

excluding potential pro-

If it cannot, it can direct some of the blame towards this diary. Principally, though, it must take the matter up with a colonel living in Devon, for it was he who has identified Buildwas (three miles northeast of Much Wenlock : remains of twelfth century abbey) as the likely original of P. C. Wodehouse's Market Blandings. And it was to compare PHS readers' perspicacity with the colonel's that I have been running a competition, the results of which I announce today.

Colonel Michael Croft is both a Bradshar and Ordnance Survey specialist. Provided with PC's clues about the times of trains from Paddington to Market Blandings, he narrowed down the field until he was left with Buildwas.

Only one reader, Pip Marks, of Saxon Road, Bow, London, E3, scored a bullseye, but four others peppered the target, and all five will be receiving copies of Wodehouse's last book, Sunset at Blandings—published on Thursday by Chatto and Windus—in which the colonel's report appears in full.

A military man, Colonel Croft must be used to the firing line.
I fear he will attract a fusillade or two because of his finding that, to travel from Padding-

Blandings), you would have to change at Wellington—and yes Wodehouse never made any mention of a connexion. I should

mention of a connexion. I should tell you that the station at Buildwas was lopped by the Beeching are in 1963.

As for the competition entries I received, some were minor masterpieces of deductive reasoning. One, from Martyn Freeth, a London solicitor, ran to 10 pages. Most readers correctly located

Most readers correctly located Market Blandings in Shropshire. Others placed it in Wiltshire, Worcestershire and Hampshire, and B. B. W. Goodden, of Twickenham, said he would have a lifetime's feeling of certainty shattered if the colonel disagreed with his belief that Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, was the original of Blandings. A sad day, this, for Mr Goodden. Copies of Sunset at Blandings will be sent to the very clever Copies of Sunsel at Blandings will be sent to the very clever Pip Marks and to the almost asclever William Hardwick, of Burntwood, Staffordshire; George Piercy, of Norwich; R. J. Lonsdale, of New Malden, Surrey, and Tomchak Pinkerton, of Weybridge, Surrey



Shifting the burden of guilt?

It is good to know the Law Society pay attention to the Diary. Some weeks ago I tweaked their tails for classifying consumer protection as something they need to protect their business clients from rather than a matter to advise their private clients. advise their private clients

about.
Their evidence to the Royal Commission on Legal Services explained that, when a revised qualifying course begins in 1980, consumer protection would be taught to aspiring

Jokes aide for the Prince

The Prince of Wales has a welldeserved reputation for making witty speeches. The Goonish sense of humour and other idiosyncranes have indicated that he has written them him-

self.
Now pressure of oratory has made him take on a kindred sparit as speech-writer and researcher. He has gone for the best, employing Byron Rogers as partitione rhetorical consul-tant and teller of shaggy dog Mr Rogers, from Carmarthen,

one-time reporter on The Times, is one of the fundest and most vivid feature writers in the word-business. He read English and did University Challenge at Oxford, schoolmastered for a time, became a columnist on The Star of Sheffield, before coming to Printing House Square. He has now become a freelance, writing regularly for the colour magazine of The Sunday Telepraph and other newspapers. He has published poetry and

short stories, and has a passion for medieval history and the oddities of life as well as for solicitors under the heading solicitors under the heading "The Solicitor and his Corporate Client".

Now, guess what? Consumer law has been discreedly shunted out of the heading "The Solicitor and his Corporate Client".

Instead it resus, where it belongs, under "The Solicitor and his Private Client".

May this repentance benefit the profession's image, the bartered nature of which is curved nature of the point of the field of Agincourt with a long-bow to fire arrows at the phantasmagoria of his imagination. Readers will be entering the prince which is curved with of Carmarthen will be an advantage to the Prince and advantage on all occasions.

Paw and Pay "outside a res-pectable, old-fashioned shop front in Bury Street, St James's has a raffish air more suitable for Soho. Nothing so exciting. The respectable, old-fashioned art dealers Pawsey and Payne have moved to new premises, and their sign is partially obliterated.

All embracing diviner :

Sir Sacheverell Sitwell, survivor, of the extraordinary literary trinity of Sitwells, is 80 today. He is off on his travels collecting more material for the poetry and poetry disguised as prose with which he has enriched and entertained us for most of this century.

His friends have contributed poems and pictures for a private birthday anthology. They range from John Betjeman to Ted Hughes and Samuel Beckett, from Henry Moore to John Piper.

In a preface they have an erudite simile characteristic of Sacheverell's own work, which embraces all arts and cultures: Both Busoni and Sitwell are masters of sciomancy, the art of diving the future from the shades of the dead."

Ultra special war story

Roaald Lewin, the leading military historian, who today receives the W. H. Smith literary prize, 1977, for his life of Field Marshal Lord Slim, is already hard at work on another book.

For two years he has been piecing together a new account of the Second World War compiled in the light of "Ultra", the code name given to the intelligence yielded by interception and decoding of the enemy's most secret messages. Mr Lewin is one of a small band of scholars busy at the Public Records Office in Kew sifting through the first batch of Ultra papers released by the sifting through the first batch of Ultra papers released by the Ministry of Defence last mouth. Until now, he has had to rely mainly on the testimony of old hands from Bletchley Park (where the German code was broken) and commanders who made use of it in the field.

He sixinks from making the judgment that Ultra was vital to victory. But he certainly believes that it shortened the war and in at least two episodes war and in at least two episodes—the climax of the battle of the Atlantic against the U-boats in 1943 and the securing of a second front in the shape of 2 foothold on the Normandy beaches in 1944—It turned the realest

Whitehall has a new vogue word. A couple of years ago, Whitehall has a new vogue word. A couple of years ago, anything that did not match up with a bureaucrat's ideas was "bizarre". Then came "embarrassing". Anything that embarrassed ministers caused much pursing of line among civil servants. Now comes "prudent". At two ministries, during discussions about the firemen's strike, three different officials used the word; the Government thought it "prudent" to have contingency plans. A nice word, prudent. Nobody could quarrel with a Government that is prudent, ever if being prudent does involve colling in the receiver.

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a Special Report

Moving up the table in Britain

by Pamela Vandyke

The progress made by harden possible, in commer-lial wines in Britain is a cial terms, the superb maps,

wives they can find from the Alto Adige, the Venem, Piedmont Emilia, Romagna, the Marches and Sicily.

Italian wines in Britain is a tribute to intelligent selling posters and publicity material intelligent selling posters and publicity materials in posters and publicity materials in posters and publicity materials intelligent selling posters and publicity materials in posters and importers make use of the provide impo



Bacchus bequeaths his image

by Allan Plowman

As far back as 1384 the Ministry of Agriculture, for charclains of Florence and administering the DOC regulations is a national committee composed of growers, agreed to cooperate in the

was a forerunner of the Consorzio Vino Chiann Classico set up in 1924 by producers anxious to rede-fine standards in a world

with EEC regulations approved the year before.

agreed to cooperate in the producers, dealers, members protection of the most valuable asset they had in com-Penalties for misuse of The league they formed approved wine names are

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by Philip Dallas

by G. U. Salvi

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black or grey pinot burgundy grapes of white pinot wine-writers seem to left almost virgin, line archisively on the properties grapes malvasia or less exclusively on the properties grapes which are

often labelled champagne, but in 1948 the French suc-ceeded in establishing their

Aperitifs which have all the

or a twist of peel, their capa-city to add zest and colour to mixed drinks is inexhaus-tible. Tasting in the wineries of Cinzano and Martini, I ancient Romans used to Britain by G. Belloni, which represents a bost of Italian to mixed drinks is inexhausted wine firms including the commercially in Italy in the celebrated Antinori chiamis, of Cinzano and Martini, I sarticularly enjoyed the House of Cinzano was How different are the founded in Turin, and when various brands? In a companient of Carpano, who parative tasting of six from two or three different types, owned a bar next to the city's those available throughout One of the best, recompanced exchange, started the the country, I found many mended for those who do firm which became famous variations of style and person depicts, is Cinzano's sweet Punt e Mes.

that there is no wine like country's wine with limaldo, Nebbiolo d'Alba and head and a form of salami grape, and wines made from they make Paleverga, a deltheirs. That may be true, but another's, Barolo is often others.

all boiled together and it are famous, the Moscato icate very pade pink wine it does not necessarily mean called the Burgundy of Freisa and Grignolino are served with a piquant green d'Asti being perhaps the Chilled, it is most refresh that it is the world's finest lialy. Many believe it is the other red wines well worthy sauce known as salsa verde. best. There are non-sparking.

theirs Than any be true, but another the means of the mea

touching exclusively on the prosecto grapes, which are inexpensive mouseux-type then subjected to three asti spumante. There are stages, one in the wood and more than a hundred mil. two in the bottle. lion bottles of Italian methode-champenoise and charmat-system sparkling wines wines of bayanus, sugar in made every year, of which liquid form, some bencomite, about four million are made ammonium sulphate and by the traditional French the liquid a trace- and a the liquid de trace- and a tra the liqueur de tirage and a complete refermentation

The Italians contest the cycle over a period of three generally accepted theory years and at a pressure of that champagne was "in six amospheres takes place. that champagne was "in-vented" at Hautvilliers Abbey, countering that not was it known at the of Blanquette Limoux abbey of Bianquette Limoux in 1388 but was in use 19 centuries ago in Rome, where it was called potro-pum. They do, however, give Dom Perignon the credit for having done an

I believe it was the short-age of French champagne in I believe it was the shortage of French champagne in
Italy, caused by the various
vine diseases of the last century, that aroused Italian
oenologists to go to Rheims
and Montpellier to study
the art of making champagne. Not only was the art
learns but the black and
grey pinot and the white
chardonnay vines were
brought to Italy. The two
former were acclimatized in
the rolling hill country of
the Oltrepo Pavese (south
of Pavis), and the chardonnay vine in the Trento area

extra sec, extra secco or extra dry 2.5 per cent to 5 per cent is sec, secco or dry (when, in fact, it is distinctly sweet); 5 per cent to 8 per cent is demissec and 8 per cent is demissed in the second in the secon at 2,000fc

perfumes of the Orient

by Joyce Rackham

The name means "point dry white (Secco) came first. Dry white, with a teaspoon ter sweet spirit which is and a half" in local dialect. The Cinzano is very pale, and is supposed to refer to delicate in flavour, not not can another of Italy's finest contributions to civilized drink. South Americans enjoy log. When I ralked to Signards as a true cosmoly around Turin, esotic vapours a warm and welcome you, the performes of the Orient competing with the scent of mountain herbs. The effect is both exciting and soothing, especially if distillation or infusion is in progress. Most people drinking the finished product are used to the finished product are used to finishe and to finished product are used to finishe finished product are used to finished product are used to finished

am infusion of aromatic mouth consumed is bought these range from claus in shops and off-licances.

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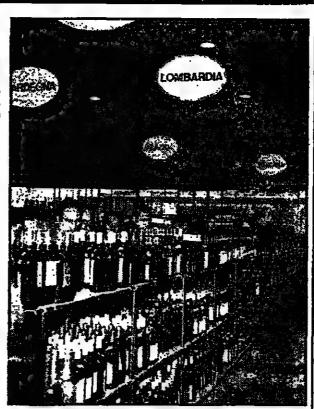
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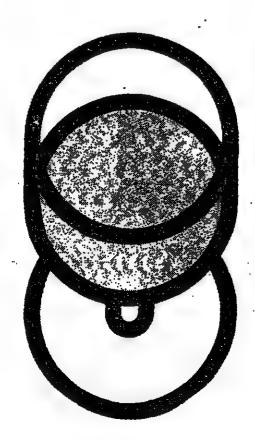
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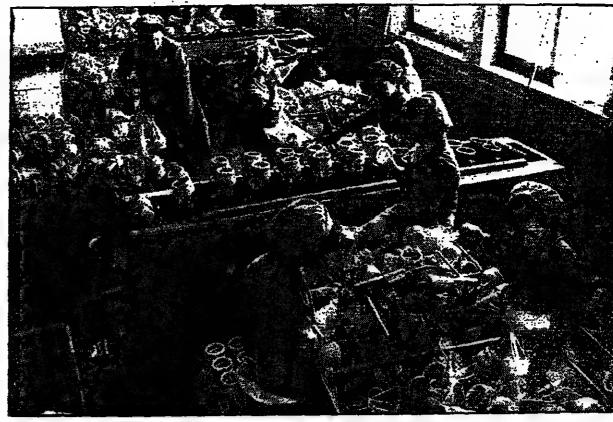
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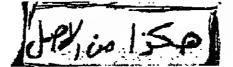
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RUSSIA STUMBLES IN AFRICA

At one time the Russians may also another reminder that side powers. This in turn could have been reasonably confident that post-colonial Africa would ideology in Africa. fall into their lap. Their success in Angola will have strengthened their confidence, and the number of African leaders who pay lip of African leaders who pay lip
service to socialism probably
continues to prop up their hope

Marxist regime in Ethiopia. It
may have calculated that
Ethiopia was larger and better than African history is moving broadly in their direction. But some doubts must now be creep-ing in, and Mr Brezhnev seems to bave felt-called upon to comment on them in his anniversary speech on November 2. He acknowledged that the struggles of the former colonies could "now and again . . result in zig-zags in the policies of the young states and sometimes even lead to retreats", but he added reassuringly that "the overall trend of development is incon-

Perhaps it is, but if so the evidence is still fairly well concealed. In May Soviet experts were expelled from the Sudan. On Sunday Somalia announced that it is expelling Soviet military experts, withdrawing naval and other facilities, renouncing its treaty of friendship with the Soviet Union and breaking diolomatic relations with Cuba. This is a considerable setback for the

started supporting the ostensibly placed than Somalia and decided to switch its allegiance accordingly, especially as Ethiopia is also host to the OAU, But it seems to have nurtured at least some illusions that a common ideology would bridge the enmity between the two. When Presi-dent Castro went to Aden in the spring he suggested a "socialist union" of Aden. Somalia and Ethiopia, and he would not have done this without Soviet support.

The idea could look logical to someone in Moscow with a geo-graphical or ideological map spread out before him. A politi-cal, tribal and religious map would have told a different and far more complex story. The Somalis believe they have a very strong claim to the Ogaden area and are not likely to give it up merely because a regime in Addis Ababa calls itself Marxist. Nor could Soviet moves do anything but strengthen Arab support for Somalia and for the Arab desire Soviet Union, which seemed well to make the Red Sea a "peace established in Somalia. It is zone" free of domination by out-

nationalism is stronger than not fail to increase Ethiopia's worry that Somalia and the It is still difficult to say Sudan are trying to cut her off whether the Soviet Union was from access to the sea through really aware of this when it newly independent Diibouti, started supporting the estensibly which carries about 80 per cent of her foreign trade.

Thus instead of achieving a comfortable union of three client states the Soviet Union has exacerbated an already delicate and difficult situation and made tiself bitterly hated in Somalia. The Arabs are now offering substantial aid to Somalia while the israelis, allegedly with some American encouragement, find themselves in the curious position of supplying the Ethiopian forces with captured Russian weapons in a sort of facuralliance with the Russians themselves, and their Cuban helpers. An odder and more unstable situation could scarcely be imagined. For the moment Somalia's military advance seems to have been halted by the much strengthened Ethiopiaus, but there is no reason to think that the fighting is going to stop. Nor is any easy answer in sight. If nothing else the Russians and the Americans should dust off their old agree-ment of 1972 in which they rather unrealistically promised not to try to take advantage of situations of this sort.

THE MONEY MATTERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

On Friday Mr Peter Shore will of how much of next year's local government spending he means to meet from a central grant. It is usually an occasion full of anguish, with loud protestations that this time the Secretary of State has gone too far, and that unconscionable demands will have to be made of the ratepayers to make up. But this year, oddly enough, the anguish will almost be ourweighed by other feelings, even including relief. The days are past when local spending was seen by all concerned as a yeasty factor impossible to keep down. Councils have been so successful in keeping their expenditure within cash limits this year that there is some embarrassment over the possibility that they may even fall short. Their record is one that central government may indeed look on in some envy.

The other traditional object of interest in the Rate Support Grant announcement is the proportion of anticipated spending that the Government decides to accept the bill for. In each of the last two years progress has been made in bringing it down. But the Government will be more than usually anxious to avoid large rate rises in a year with important local elections and a good chance of a general election too. So little change can be

All this means that the main excitement in the negotiations has not been between the local

associations themselves. There is always tension between shire counties and metropolitan authorities about the way the grant is shared. This year it has been the main haggling-point. Dis-satisfaction with the insufferably intricate formula for distribution has never been so widespread. A Labour government is naturally predisposed to favour metropolitan areas, and this year the intention of concentrating resources on inner cities has already been made clear. But in an attempt to avoid loss of votes, another equation may be added to the formula to give reliet to counties which come off worst in this exchange (the effects vary widely from one county to another). This fresh complication will give the distri-bution formula still less of a claim to be an objective system based on need. Since it assesses need largely in terms of what each council is spending already, it is as unrealistic as it is complex. It will almost be a relief to

the associations to have next ic That will make manifest how restricted they are in responding to the wage claims of their employees. For their success this year in holding back spending has depended on the fact that rigid pay controls made wage bills predictable. Cash limits are to continue, but there is little prospect that settlements will remain within the bounds of their assumptions. Councils are

government, but between the lu danger of being trapped between importunate employees and an inflexible government: large rises for council workers will be reflected more directly than ever before in truncated services and higher rate demands.

All the publicity devoted lately to the firemen and miners has largely distracted attention from another set of pay negotiations which are in one respect more significant than either. Firemen and miners are groups relatively small in numbers : if they win excessive rises they will be important principally as examples to others. So will the council manual workers, whose representatives last week re-jected a 10.1 per cent offer; but since there are a million of them, their settlement will also have a direct effect on purchasing power and inflation. Members of the National Union of Public Employees will be balloted over the next two weeks to see whether they endorse their negotiators' action. They include many whose pay is low and few who have any prospect of extra earnings through real or bogus productivity deals. At a time when there is so much pressure for the repair of differentials. a settlement over the odds would provide a base line for many others to build on, Cavitulation to the firemen or the miners might be explained away more or less implausibly as exceptional; capitulation to the council manual workers would be to swing the door wide open to all.

POLITICAL STABILITY AT A PRICE IN NEPAL

Almost every country in Asia Nepal in 1960 his presence is salutes democracy as a political ideal even if-temporarily, ofcourse-states of emergency or military rule or other departures from representative government are actually in being. One country that seems to ignore this preference is Nepal, a monarchy where any monarch of the past might find royal authority functioning much as it did before universal franchise was ever heard of. This rejection of the hallot box has been sadly illustrated by the long political career of Mr B. P. Koirala, the protagonist of democracy ever since the overthrow of the Rana regime in 1951. Last week he found himself rearrested to stand

urial for treason.

Mr Koirala had returned to Nepal from many years exile in India at the end of 1976 only to find himself arrested. Last June. with the King's authority and at the state's expense, he went to America for medical treatment declaring his intention to return, though perhans hoping that when he did so the charges against him might be dropped. He has heen disappointed. It seems that since his own overthrow as the first elected Prime Minister of

still regarded as a danger. Nepal will stick to its "partyless panchavat" rather than risk an advance towards one man one In fact, the intention

rearrest Mr Koirala had been indicated a few days before his return by Mr Kirtinidhi Bista, who returned to office as Neval's Prinie Minister last September. Mr Bista claimed that Nepal's political stability was the most reliable in South Asia and that this was due to the leadership of the King to which there could he no alternative. As expounded by another minister, partyless panchayats enable the people of Nepal to make known their aspirations to the King who is kent fully informed. An old-fashioned socialist like Mr Koirala, who made some comments about his country while: in America and who actually looked in on the Labour Party conference in Brighton, on his way home, scarcely fits with this kind of paternalism.

But there are other objections that tell against Mr Koirala. Nepal's short history as a country has been one lived between China and India as major

powers. Nepal remained tributary of China as late as 1908 but long before that British power in India had begun to matter much more. And since communist rule in China independent India has been the power watching over Nepal. Too closely, for Nepal's taste which has been making friends of the Chinese as a balance, thereby grousing Indian suspicion. Mr Koirala's party having been modelled on the Indian Congress, and he having spent his exile in India, having been backed by Indian leaders and having had Mr Chandra Shekhar, late of Congress now of the Jarara Party, making the case in Katmandu for his return to Nepal in freedom, it would not be surprising that the anti-Indian faction in Katmandu should urge his continued detention. Dr Tulsi Giri, the late Prime Minister, once sugsested that India might treat Nepal as China had done Tibet -a remark that gave equal offence in Peking and in New Delhi, But with new governments in both these capitals Neval's security between the two might soon seem less at risk. Meanwhile Mr Koirala's political

From Mr George Mikes Sir. Permit me to add a footnote to Bernard Levin's column on Vaclav Krål whom he called a scoundrel (November 2). Professors Carsten and Seton-Watson said in their letter November 5) that "our information thout this man agrees entirely with lernard Levin's account". I can coport yet another agreement, the lews of Gustav Husak, the pocketlictator of Czechoslovakia and the ersecutor of Havel Lederer and

Kral's visit to Britain

A report of the Prague show trials of October 17 and 18 has just eached me through Czech friends. one of the so-called charges was hut a manuscript, written by Dr. rokop Dr. na, a minister in resident Benes's Government, had pern passed on by some of the coused for publication in the inited States, Havel replied that he memoirs had been, at one time. occepted for publication in Czecho-lovakia itself and had become a 1b Dorncliffe Road SW6.

widely quoted source for scholarly, historical research.

There was only one person, he went on, who called the memoirs untruthful and that was Václav Krall He was not surprised. Havel added, but Kral's views were utterly worthless as the man had been called "notorious among historians for his methods" by Husak himself. As evidence, Havel went on to say, As evidence, havel went on to say, he would now read excerpts from Husak's essay, entitled "A Stroll Through History". In that essay, Havel remarked as a prefiminary, Husak called Král "a known falsifier of history whose works are a warning example of scientific and descent example of scientific and descent example of scientific and

dogmatic presentation of history".
At this point Have was interrupted and prevented from reading the essay or even paraphrasing its cont-its. The presiding judge remerked: "This is of no interest to the court." What he meant: this is not in the interest of the court. I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,

What Cezanne painted From Mr George Butler

freedom is overdue.

Sir, Mr Brogan; in his article (November 9) on the wonderful Cézanne exhibition in New York, repeats a curious error in the catalogue, which has often appeared in catalogues at the Tate. He refers to the "Mont" Ste Victoire.

I have lived within a kilometre of that "grand caillon", as the natives call it. A neighbour, who incidentally had once gone sketching with Paul Cezanne, admonished me for using the word "mont". He said "Mont Blane" but "La Montagne Sainte Victoire". Of course he was right, as all French maps show, and in fact the Ste Victoire is a long lozenge or chain, not a peak. Yours faithfully, GEORGE BUTLER, Riversdale. Castle Street, Eakewell Derbyshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Refurbishing the SS image

From Professor Willi Frischauer Sir, While hoping that weightier voices than mine will be raised in protest against the invasion of Britain by ex-Nazi SS campaigners to publicize an encomium of their peroicious organization, I should like to remind a younger generation of some aspects of SS activities beyond those mentioned in Antony Terry's excellent account in yesterday's Sunday Times Magazine (November 13).

The SS propagandists make much play with the difference between the so-called Waffen-SS (military units) and other SS divisions such as the "Death Head Brigade," which supplied the concentration camp guards, the "Leibstandarte" (Ritler's practorian guard) and others. But there was constant movement of officers and men from one division to another—SS General Otto Eicke, for instance, commander of the concentration camp guards was later transferred to the eastern front where he was killed

where he was killed.

Did this transfer at a late date absolve him—and his men—from crimes committed against concentration camp inmates? SS General Seep Dietrich, commander of a military SS division in the war started his carear he taking near with

tary SS division in the war started his career by taking part, with a revoiver in his head, in the massacre of officers of the rival SA (brown shirts) in the notorious Night of the Long Knives, the Roebm Purge, in June 1934.

SS Edissatz Gruppen (Action Groups) "fought" partisans on the eastern front, which means that they wived out whole villages, indiscriminately murdering old men, women and children. Action Group leaders like SS General Ohlendorf were sentenced to death and were sentenced to death amount of executed after the war but many of his officers and men have survived. Again there was regular transfer from Waffen-SS to Action Groups and vice versa as there was between the Waffen-SS and the SD (Secutive Service) and the Gestapo, both SS departments.

SS departments.

All members of the SS were obliged to swear an oath of allegisance to SS leader Heinrich Himmler, mastermind (with such sides as SS Colonel Adolf Eichmann) of the extermination of Jews, Poles, Russlans, gypsies—to mention only a few categories of SS victims. At Nuremberg, the SS—no distinction here between one division and snother—was condemned generally another—was condemned generally as a criminal organization.

as a criminal organization.

That survivors of these divisions should come to ether in a so-called and organization (HIAG) and actively promote the "rehabilitation" of the SS is a problem for the German Government and the German people but it is a tracedy that this attracted a revival of antagonism which the country of Helmut Schmidt and Willy Brandt no longer deserves. An even greater tragedy is that the shomeless protragedy is that the shemeless prothe victous Red Army Faction as a pretence for the murderous com-paisn allevedly directed against

Nariam in Germany.

Apain, this would seem a matter for the Germans. But it takes on a different aspect when these SS men been to export their company to foreign comparing. That they should come to Britain, as they promote to do this week, to propagate their evil wares is an outrage to which the British people ought not to be subjected. I em. Sir. vours faithfully,

WILLI FRISCHAUER. 45 Ansley House. St John's Wood, NW8. November 14.

Employment in Russia

From Mr Yorick Wilks
Sir, Mr Kitson is surely right to
remind us, on the sixtieth anniversary of the October Revolution, of
the Soviet achievement in overcoming unemployment problems. There are, after all, more than a hundred thousand men guarding bridges, are there not (a job preservation scheme maintained since Tsarist days); enormous but undisclosed numbers in the secret police; diminishing but still considerable numbers staffing and controlling the labour camps and, at over four million men, one of the largest standing armies in the world. coming unemployment problems.

world.

There is little doubt that we could abolish unemployment (at a stroke, as it were) by allowing employment in these categories to rise to the proportions enjoyed by our Soviet comrades. I trust that our Soviet comrades. I trust that Mr Kitson, on his return, will be pressing such red-blooded measures on his colleagues in the National Executive Committee, so as to show the sort of Labour Party he wants: a genuine alternative to the milksop measures against unemployment measures against unemployment that we have seen from this Government. Yours sincerely, YORICK WILKS.

University of Essex, Department of Language and Linguistics, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester.

November 9.

Silencing burglar alarms From Mr Anthony Bailey Sir, The interesting thing about burgler alarms is that no one

associates their endless ringing with burglars. Many of the children in this neighbourhood know how to set them off by banging a window frame or kicking a door.

Recently one of the alarms near us clanged away (I rimed it) for an hour and a half before I called the police station. The officer on duty said, "Oh yes, we know about that one"—adding as is usual, "We're trying to track down the keyholder". I asked when he had been notified. He said, "Three minutes ago". I pointed out that the alarm bad been sounding for one hour and 27 minutes before anyone did anything about it. "We know", he said. "No one pays any attention to them unless they want them stopped."

Obviously a good time to commit a burglary is when an alarm is

sounding. Yours sincerely, ANTHONY BALLEY. 63 Royal Hill Greenwich, SEIO.

Employers' offer to firemen

From Mr Martin Brannan Sir, As Employers' Chairman of the National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Fire Brigades, I should

like to clarify our position in the present dispute. On Friday last, after lengthy talks

with the union negotiators, we con-firmed that our previous offer of a 10 per cent wage increase as from November 7 still stood, this being the maximum figure possible within Government guidelines. We also agreed to continue discussions with a view to establishing a pay formula for the Qualified Firemen, to be implemented when conditions parmit and to be one that would stand up to scrutiny and be valid in the longer term.

In view of the statement in the House of Commons by the Home Secretary on November 9 that a

Secretary on November 9 that a 42-hour week for firemen instead of the present 48-hour week could be permitted after autumn 1978 and in view of the subsequent registering of this claim by the union, we agreed that a full investigation should commence forthwith into the issues involved. A recent Home Office report on the subject of a shorter working week stressed that shorter working week stressed that it ought "to be introduced in the most cost effective manner, making maximum use of time available for work". However it is accomplished, there will be a considerable cost factor and it must be presumed that adequate funds will be made available to local authorities for this purpose. The two matters, ie, the wage formula and the proposed shorter working week, have been remitted to the Joint Secretaries so that they may identify the problems and report back to the National Council at its meeting on November

The National Employers' meanwhile, deeply regret the present industrial action and hope that, in the light of the steps being taken, there can be an early and orderly return to normal manning. As employers, we have the utmost regard for the well-being and the reputa-tion of the British Fire Service and have no intention of allowing the talks either to break down or become bogged down. There are however many far-reaching aspects which must be investigated so as to enable sensible conclusions to be fairly arrived at and this can be done the more readily in the con-text of normal working.

Yours truly, MARTIN BRANNAN, Lingy Acre, Portiuscale, Keswick, Cumbria.

From Mr C. J. P. Power Sir, I am becoming more than a little bored with hearing appeals to the "social responsibility" of cartain groups who are intending to, or who are taking, industrial action, whether to a greater or lesser degree. Does the Government

C. J. P. POWER, Barley End House, Woodmancote, Near Emsworth, November 11. From Mr A. G. W. Scott Sir, I am nor a supporter of the Labour Party but fairness prohibits agreement with the views expressed by Sir Kenneth Corley and the Reverend Montague Eyden that in no circumstances is there moral justification for strikes and that they should always be treated as a form of blackmail.

Should not the actions which

have no other ideas, or does it be-

lieve that such appeals have some

magic ingredient which, having worked so often in the past, will do

the trick again?; to me, it looks

Are we not prepared to suffer a little darkness or take more care in fire prevention so as to support

the Government in its attempts to

resuscitate the economy, and is that

Government not prepared to take on

its shoulders the burden of doing the job it was elected to do? It

would seem that such is the case and that we will continue to ask

those who provide important ser-

vices to work longer hours or to

receive less pay than we would our-

The right to withdraw labour or to decline to work overtime is basic to our political and economic sys-tem so let us make up our minds

to be socially responsible and pay for work done, or else accept the inconvenience for as long as is necessary or we can stand it. Yours faithfully,

selves be prepared to accept.

like a dead horse.

form of blackmail.

Should not the actions which deserve all of your correspondents' strictures be conflued to unofficial actions, strikes at short notice, working to rule and withdrawal of labour whilst meetings are held.

Such actions must almost always be a breach of contract with the employers concerned and in any other context retribution would follow. The innocent public are not only made to suffer but, in addition, are subjected to nauseming states. are subjected to nauserting state-ments that "inconvenience to the public is regretted" whilst good care has been taken to choose a time and place which will cause the greatest possible inconvenience and

suffering.

This is blackmail, and should no longer be tolerated in a civilized society. Surely the time has come for the Government and the TUC to agree upon legislation with sufficient bite to make such illegal and immoral actions impossible. This would not only protect the public but strengthen the position of the unions who must, and usually of the unions who must, and usually do, conduct their negotiations in a constitutional manner.

Yours faithfully, A. G. W. SCOTT, 5 Breakspeare, College Road, Dulwich, SE21. November 12.

Legislation on race From Mr Geoffrey Bindman

From Mr Geoffrey Bindman
Sir, Mr Butt evidently resents Mr
David Lane's charge that his article
on the Race Relations Act (October
27) distorts and misleads, but his
answer to the accusation itself
contains an error. The Commission
for Racial Equality is not entitled
to take up any complaint. It may
assist individuals to pursue their
own cases, but only when they seek
assistance and when the criteris
(admittedly wide) laid down in
section 66 of the Act are satisfied.
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section 66 of the Act are satisfied.

However, this is a minor element in the very unbalanced picture which Mr Butt paints of a moderate and necessary piece of legislation. The following points, absent from Mr Butt's account, show that it is oeither "impalpable" nor oppressive, and that it can be effective.

1. The Act does not attempt to ban racially prejudiced thoughts or the expression of prejudiced opinions; harmful discriminatory conduct in matters of social or economic importance is its only target. Mr Butt's Dr Johnson story nicely illustrates the distinction: he may have been prejudiced against may have been prejudiced against the Scotch, but he had the wisdom and decency not to discriminate against them. The law does not and should not penalize attitudes, but judges are quite capable of assess-

2. The powers of the Commission to obtain evidence in its investigations are no greater than those of many othe example the Highlands and Islands Development Board) and a good deal less than some. Furthermore these powers are subject to the close supervision of the courts, which alone can impose sanctions.

3, Legal proceedings under the Act are civil, and can result only in a declaration, injunction or compensation. Their object is not to punish the discriminator but to end discriminatory conduct and provide redress to its victims.

4. Your report yesterday (November 10) from Michael Leapman in New York confirms the deterrent effect there of heavy demages awards in sex and race discriminations in sex and frace discriminations. tion cases. Anti-discrimination laws can work, if enforced firmly and confidently. What worries me most about Mr Butt's attitude is its weakness in the

Butt's attitude is its weakness in the face of a major injustice and serious potential threat to the stability of our society. I believe he is not against using the orderly processes of the law to combat other wrongs. Why is this one different?
Yours faithfully.
GEOFFREY BINDMAN,
1 Euston Road. 1 Euston Road, King's Cross, NW1. November 11,

The Zinoviev Letter

From Mr Kyril Zinovieff Sir. Since the most convincing arguments in favour of the genuineness, or at least communist provenance, of the "Zinoview Letter" are contained in Natrice "Zinoviev Grant's article in Soviet Studies (Vol XIX, 1967), which none of The Times correspondents on the subject appear to have seen, let me refer to two points out of its many she makes.

1 The Zinoviev Letter, dated September 15 1924, reached the British Foreign Office on October 10 1924. It reproduced the sense and some of the actual expressions and phrases of a resolution passed at the 5th Congress of the Communist International, addressed specifically to the British Communist Party. The Congress took place in June-July 1924, but the text of the resolution was released in 1925. The writer(s) of the "Zinoviev Letter" must, therefore, bore had access to the resolution before it was published—not something likely

to have been accomplished by antior non-Communist forgers.

2 With one or two exceptions, all the men mentioned or suggested as the letter's forgers have turned out

ticity of the letter by pointing out error: have so far failed: the "errors" have on examination "errors" have on examination turned out not to be such. Mosers Rothstein and Page Arnot (Tha Times, November 9) scoff at the letter because it refers to "non-

Sutton Lane, W4.

Middle income litigants

Sir, Your leading article on middle income litigants (October 13) exaguerates the shortcomings of the civil legal aid scheme. At The Law Society's Conference the President said ther civil legal aid now covered only about a quarter of average families, ie, those with two children. Because it does cover most single parent families and most retired people, legal aid is available to about 42 per cent of the entire population, not a quarter as your leader

later to be either Soviet agents or closely connected with Soviet agents. Attempts to discredit the author-

letter because it refers to "non-existent military cells 'n, yet it is precisely to "cells lu bourgeois armies" that the Comintern resolution refers and the "Zinoviev Letter" duly repeats.

In any case, the fact that the substance of the "Zinaviev Letter" is contained in the Comintern resolution surely makes the oversion of

lution surely makes the question of whether it was or was not "genuine" entirely irrelevant. Yours, etc.

KYRIL ZINOVIEFF. 2 Arlington Cottages,

From Mr David Edwards

Your leader also states incorrectly that to raise the legal aid limits to cover most of the popula-

tion would be "exceedingly costly and would not be justified in the present state of the economy". In fact to increase the limits to include at least another 20 per cem of the population would not be very expensive because all the newly eligible would have to pay at lerst some comribution to their legal aid. This reform is urgently necessary, with or without the introduction of the contingency legal aid proposal with which your leader was concerned.

Yours faithfully. DAVID EDWARDS. Secretary, Legal Aid, The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, WC2.

Head teachers and governors' powers

From Mr H. R. Eastgate

Sir, May a non-disheartened head with a thriving Parent-Teachers' Association inform Dr Midwinter (November 10) that there are grave doubts about the viability of jumble sales, Christmas markets, summer fairs, visits to the Wakefield Theatre Club, and trips to the Isle of Wight, ctc, as occasions for the election of school governors if only from considerations of electoral roll, possible personation, etc. Events which attract the greatest numbers of parents also attract many non-parent adults. They also repel a circulate the greatest parent adults. significant number of excellent

parents. However, the crucial weakness in the Taylor Report comes early on, in Para 3.17. " and as much discretion in turn granted to the

discretion in turn granted to the head-teacher by the governing body as is compatible with the latter's responsibility for the success of the school in all its activities."

Responsible to whom? Accountable to whom? Accountable to whom? The Director of Education and I are responsible and accountable to the Education Committee. Our very jobs and our professional reputations are at stake. professional reputations are at stake. What will the members of a What will the members of a Taylor style governing body have at stake? Re-appointment at the end of their four year stint? Yours faithfully, H. R. EASTGATE, Headmaster, the Benjamin Gott High School, Londers Account Londer.

Lenhurst Avenue, Leeds.

November 10. From the Reverend John Key

Sir, The issues of the debate about parental choice of education within the maintained school system are well set out in your leading article of November 9. But why should purents' choice depend so heavily on a plurality of schools in one locality?

My recent visit to an exciting "community school" in Massachusetts has convinced me that a wide variety of parental choice can be exercised within a single school. Under one roof and one administration. I discovered the encouragement tion I discovered the encouragement of different patterns and styles of education, from extreme academic formality to an atmosphere of free expression and discovery. The right of parents were recognized and their involvement invited in the "allocation" of their children to particular

classes and courses.
Surely the necessary rationalization you expect in Britain, in the interests of economy and efficiency, affords a splendid opportunity for parents' rights to be enhanced and for teachers' skills and preferences to be developed within schools of diverse character and tradition. Would not such schools enshring "comprehensive" principles

Yours faithfully, JOHN KEY. Vicur of Redditch, 248 Birchfield Road, Radditch, Worcestershire.

London Film Festival

ine Director Fibn Institute

Sir, James Quinn's letter concerning the London Film Festival (November 11) leaves me somewhat perplexed. Naturally the British Film Institute is proud of the 25 years of remarkably successful activity achieved by the National Film Theorre which is one of its rim Theorre which is one of its departments, and the more recent "coming of age" of the London Film Festival for which it is also responsible. As I write this response to his letter, headlines from two national journals colobrating this event lay before me on my deak, showing that at least as for as the press is concerned the mess.

as the press is concerned the message has got through.

Perhaps Mr Quinn believes that we should spend money (public or private) on other kinds of celebration, and indeed the LFF has organized its fair share of appropriate events. We do feel, however, that we should spend our resources making accessible as many of the best films as possible, and bring-ing to this country many of the film makers whose work is being shown in the Festival, and this is what we

in the Festival, and this is what we have done.

The 21st London Film Festival, which is opened this evening (November 14) by Lord Donaldson, Minister for the Arts, is truly celebrated by the many thousands of cinemagoers who will have an opportunity of seeing the films which make up the Festival prowhich make up the Festival programme. Yours faithfully,

KEITH LUCAS. Director, British Film Institute, 81 Dean Street, W1. November 14.

Classical top ten

From Mr David Chesterman Sir. Analysis of all symphonics scheduled for performance at the Royal Albert and Royal Festival Halls during 1977 reveals that Beethoven's lead over all comers is now higher than it has ever been since my calculations started 26 years ago. He clocks up 60, with Mozart, the runner-up, a merc 26, and Tcheikovsky (with two Manfreds) 25.

Brohms has done well with 22, abend of Mahler with 18 2 5 (Adagietto of No. 3 and Adagio of No. 10). Haydo remains the same with 17, and Dyoral with 15, followed by Schubert (141), Bruckrer (14) and Shostalovich (111). As eleventh man, Sibelius scores a remestable 10.

The outright winner (11 times) is the "New World" symphony of Dyorak, which claimed similar balours in 1974 and 1975, to be temporarily ousted in 1976 by Beethoven's "Ervica".

Readers may like to note some symmhonies by the Ton Ten com-posers which do not figure at all this year: Dvorak Nos. 1-4 inclusive. Schubert Nes. 1, 5, 6, 7, Bruckner Nos. 1, 6 and Shestakovich Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15. Yours faithfully.

DAVID CHESTERMAN. 15 Shire Lane, Charleywood, Hertfordshire.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 14: Mr J. B. Priestley had the honour of being received by The Queen this afternoon when Her Majesty invested him with the insignia of a Member of the Order

of Merit. The Lord Todd had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member

of the Order of Merit.

The Queen was entertained at dinner this evening by the Court of Directors of the Bank of

Her Majesty was received upon urrival by the Governor (the Right Hou Gordon Richardson). The Lady Susan Hussey, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore and Lieutenant Robert Guy, RN, were in attendance,
Today is the Anniversary of
the Birthony of The Prince of

KENSINGTON PALACE

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November 14: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior of the Order of St. John, held an investiture this afternoon at St. John's Gate, EC1, in the course of which His Royal Highness invested Str Zelman Cowen as an Associate Knight and Lady Cowen as an Associate Commander.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

November 14: The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal Choral Society, today attended a Süver Jubilee Concert given by the Society at the Royal Festival Rall, Lieutenant-Commander Richard Lieutenant Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

TRATCHED HOUSE LODGE November 14: Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief of The Canadlan Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), this afternoon received Colonel the Hon J. R. Nicholson, Honorary Colonel, and Lleutenant-Colonel D. T. Osland, Commanding Officer.

The centenary dinner of St Gregory's Society will be held at the Hilton hotel on Thursday, December 3. Tickets 53 (56) may be obtained from Dom Cuthbert McCann, Downside Abbey, Bath.

Birthdays today

Sir Olaf Caroe. 85; Sir Rugh Greene, 67; Mr Hamish Hamilton. 77; Mr Averell Harriman. 86; Miss G. Ceris Jones, 71; Sir Richard Le Gallais, 61; Mr Wallace Rowling, 50; Major-General J. K.Shepheard, 69; Sir Sacheverell Sitwelf, 80; Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Weston, 69.

Prince goes hunting The Prince of Wales, who was 29 yesterday, went fox-hunday with the Middleton Hunt at Garirowby, about 15 miles east of York, 2s a guest of the Earl of Helifax and his son, Lord Irwin.

The Royal Society The Royal Society has made the following appointments and

ir Roscarch Fellowship: Dr P. N. redio Observatory, Cultornia Institute of Technology, Princel Cook Print Research Followships: hir K. J. Bichards, department of occanography, Southampton University; Dr. G. J. Smith, Fels Research Institute, Princel University Medical Research Council Laboratory of Medical Research Council Laboratory of Medical Research Council Laboratory of Medical Princel Council Princel Princel Council Princel Princel Council P

Posthumous award Mr Alan Brant, of Careswell Road, Birmingham, who died of a heart attack at the age of 49 after dis-training a wonan who was attempt-ing to stab her husband, has been awarded a posthumous memorial certificate by the Carnezic Hero Fund Trust, at Duniermine, The trust has granted \$100 and \$2 a week to Mr Brant's widow.

25 years ago

The wizard of Oz From The Times of Friday, Nov 14, 1952

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From Our Special Correspondent Naivasia, Rift Valicy, Nov 13.—An eminent witch the or, known focally as the Wizard of Oz, arrived today from the Kikuyu reserves to conduct cleansing ceremonies among Kikuvu workers on European farms here. It is expected that many who have unwillingly taken the Mau Man eath will require his services. He is accompanied by a young Kikuyu chief, clad in a red blanket and a ragian coat. His function is to see that the witard keeps within his terms of reference and does not stray into sidelines, such as placing curses on cattle. The not stray into sidekines, such as placing curves on cattle. The wizard himself is anxious to preserve anonymity, and accordingly had no statement to make to your correspondent. The chief accompanying him, however, said he was a witch doctor with power to administer or undo the most powerful ouths known to the Kikuyu. The procedure is that penitents come forward, and a Repointments

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Forthcoming marriages

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. Dawson, of Horley, Surrey, and Lynda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. M. Rose, of Wirral, Cheshire.

Dr C. Grey-Wilson and Miss C. M. Dent The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs V. Grey-Wilson, of Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, and Christine Mary, fourth daughter of the late Professor Charles

Dent and of Mrs Dent, of Ealing, London.

and Miss C. M. E. Misselbrook
The engagement is announced
between John, younger son of
Mr and Mrs R. E. Pearmund,
of Wentworth, Surrey, and
Christine, only daughter of Wing
Commander T. D. Misselbrook,
DFC, RAF (Red), and Mrs
Misselbrook, of Old Windsor,
Berkshire.

Marriage

Mr R. L. Mackay and Miss A. J. McCorquodale

and Miss A. J. McCorquodale
The marriage took place on Friday, November 11, at Helmsdale,
Sumerland, between Mr Raymond
Mackay, elder som of the late Mr
R. H. Mackay and Mrs A. Mackay,
of Skerray, Sutherland, and Miss
Jill McCorquodale, daughter of
Colonel and Mrs D. McCorquodale,
of Kelso, Rochurgh.

Inner Temple

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The following awards have been announced by the Inner Temple: Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubitee Scholarship (£2.000: J. Beals, Inner Temple Becholarship (£2.000: M. G. Skinner; (£1.500: C. J. Williamer; (£1.000: C

Applications for Silk Applicants for Silk who wish their names to be considered for the next list of recommendations, and those who wish to renew their applications, should apply for a form to the Permanent Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Office, House of Lords, London, SW1, enclosing a self-addressed envelope. The form should be returned to the Lord Chancellor's Office by December 31.

Boukon Prise: J. M. C. Solomon Prize; M. C. Hicks

Mrs Millie Miller, MP
A fund for the planting of a grove of trees in memory of Mrs Millie Miller, Labour MP for Redbridge, liford. North, who died last month, is being set up by the North London Progressive Synagogue. The trees will be planted in the grounds of Dr Barnardo's, Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Grester London, and the fund will also be used to make a contribution to work in the mental health field, in which Mrs Miller was incorressed. health field, in wants are was incoressed.

Cheques and postal orders should be sent to: NLPS (M.M. Fund), Mr J. Swinburne, 203 Tiprres Crescent, Clayball Avenue, liford.

Tatest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Brigadier M. B. Farndale, Director
of Public Relations (Army), to be
Director Military Operations,
Ministry of Defence, in March
1978 in the rank of major-general. Mr J. D. Hennings to be High Commissioner to Singapore in March, in succession to Mr J. P.

Tripp.

Mr C. T. Brant to be Ambassador to Oatar in January, in succession to Mr D. G. Crawford.

Miss Joyce Blow (Mrs A. Darlington) to be Director of the Consumer Affairs Division of the Office of Fair Trading, from Noverther 28, with the rank of under-secretary. She succeeds Mr Jeremy Mitchell, now Director of the National Consumer Council.

University news

Vice-Chancellor to retire

Professor L. C. B. Gower, Vice-Chancellor of Southampton University since 1971, is to retire on September 30, 1979.

Conferment of titles : Dr R. Baker and Dr G. R. Luck-hurst, readers in chemistry, as professors.

or N. D. C. Grant, MA, MEd, reader in educational studies, Edinburgh University, has been appointed to the chair of education, in succession to Professor Stanley Nisbet.

Usuist Appointments

Lecturers: Dr. R. A. Worth, polymer and there science: P. E. J.-P. Dekloque, appiled linguistics and modern languages. J. G. Frodin, spuctural engineering: J. B. Dalby, European studies and modern languages. nobro.f

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Dr G. H. Elder, BA, BChir, MD (Cantab), reader, has been appolated professor of medical bio chemistry at the Weish National

Birmingham Birmingham
The university is to establish a chair of orthopaedics at the Robert Jones and Agues Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, near Oswestry, Salop. A public appeal has raised £225,000, the sum required to endow the chair. Other associated costs will be borne by the National Health Service.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred on December 17 on Professor W. J. H. Butterfield, vice-chancellor from 1971 to 1975, and on Dr G. I. Hobday, president of the university council.

Science report

Chemistry: New pathway to life

cells. It is with the prebiotic synthesis of proteins that Dr Clif-ford Matthews and his colleagues at Hignois University, and Dr Robert Minard, at Pennsylvania State University, have been con-It is known that the chemical building blocks for protein, the

amosphere. The chemical pathway they propose requires relatively little energy and involves five steps leading to polyaminomalouonitrile, the "true ancestor



£34,000 paid for a Caxton book

Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's yesterday began' to
disperse one of the most notable
private libraries formed in recent
times, by Albert Ehrman (18901965). It was known as the Broxbourne library after his family
home, and important sections of
the library have already been
given or sold to the British
Library, the Bodleian, Cambridge
University library and others.

Yesterday's sale was devoted University library and others.

Yesterday's sale was devoted to the spread of printing in Europe and made £288,970 with no lots unsold; a second, similar sale, is scheduled for today, with two more for next spring. Many of the books were so rare that Sotheby's were more or less guessing with their estimates, and prices soured above them.

The top price of £34,000 (eatimate £3,000 to £4,000) was paid by H. P. Kraus, of New York, for the first book on which William Caxton is known to have worked when he was learning his trade in Cologne. It is De Proprietatious Rerum by Batholomaeus Auglicus,

the books were printed and began with a volume published in Abbewith a volume published in Abbeville in 1487 at £16.000 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000). Entitled Triamphe des neul preux avec l'histoire de Bertrand du Guesciin, it was the third and last book princed at Atheville in the lifteenth century. There are 10 large woodcuts in the text. The buyer was Tulkens, of Brussels. Bresiauer paid £33,000 (estimate £5.000 to £6,000) for a Kalender printed in Augsburg by Johann Blaubirer in 1481. With 80 leaves, it included 98 woodcuts. The Legenda Aurea by Jacobus de Voragine in Ducch with 204 woodcut Illustrations, published in Delft

contemporary pigskin and its first owner is known to have been the Benedictine monastery at Weingarten. A copy of the same book from the Heber library was sold by Sotheby's in 1972 for £2,200. The Heber copy was an eighteenth-century rather than a contemporary binding.

The sale is arranged in alphabetical order of the towns where the books were printed and began with a volume published in Abbe

subjects and dating from the eighteenth century made £4,100 (estimate £800 to £1,200) in spite of damage.

Christle's sale of oriental Ceramics and works of art made £25,738, with 17 per cent unsold.

A sale of middle-range Old Masser pictures at Philips proved outstandingly successful, totalling £172,500, with only 1 per cent unsold. An "Open landscape with horseman", by Phillips Woowerman, made £11,000 (estimate £1,500), to Fricker, who also paid £11,000 (estimate £8,000) for a flower still-life by Jean Raptiste Monnoyer and £10,000 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000) for a constal scene by Theobald Michau.

'Times' critic wins Smith award for Slim biography

By Philip Howard Sy family howard.

Ronald Lewin has won the W. H. Smith and Son literary award for Slim: The Standardbearer, his official biography of Field-Marshal Viscount Slim. Lord Trevelyan is to present a cheque for £1,000 today at a luncheon, to be attended by members of the family.

The book was widely reviewed

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The book was widely reviewed as a fine piece of writing that got Sim plumb right. It has already sold 13,000 copies in hardback.

Mr Lewin was born in 1914 in Ralifax, and won a scholarship to The Queen's College, Oxford, where he took a double first in Mods and Greats. For most of the war he served as a field artillery officer, with the Eighth Army from Alamein to Tunisia, and then from Normandy to the end in Germany. After the war he joined BBC Radio and eventually became Head of the Home Service.

After his retirement he returned

After his retirement he returned to his first job, publishing, and started writing regularly. With more time and fewer responsibilities he devoted himself to military history, taking the view that as

Today's engagements The Queen holds investiture, 11.
Queen Elizabeth the Queen
Mother attends concert in aid
of Musicians' Benevolent Fund,
St Jamer's Palace, 7.55.
The Duchess of Kent, as patron,
visits London office of Spastic
Society, Park Crescent, 12.45.
The Lord Mayor of London receives presentation of hat by
Master and Wardens of Feltmakers' Company, Mansion
House, 11.45; presides at Court
of Aldermen, Guldhall, 12.45;
attends Gresham Dinner of Mer-

the war had removed six years from his life he had becter try to find out what happened during that parenthests.

He is a regular critic of books about the Second World War for The Times and The Times Literary Supplement.

For his biography of Slim he traveled widely. He visited Australia to examine Slim's remarkable period as Governor-General and to talk to many of the Australians who worked with him.

As he had not himself served under Slim in the 14th Army, he went to India to examine the famous battlefields of imphel and Kohima. That enabled him to talk at their headquarters in Delhi and Calcutta with the top generals in the present Indian Army, most of whom had served as young officers under Slim's leadership more than 30 years ago.

The W. H. Smith award is given annually to the author of the judges, constitutes the most ourstanding contribution to English literature during the year.

In his report Me Keith Incas.

outstanding contribution to English literature during the year. There have been 18 previous winners.

cers' Company, Mercers' Hall, 7.30. Cers Company, Mercers Hall, 7.30.

Caravan and Camping Holiday Show and Mobile Homes Exhibition, Earls Court, 10-8.

Memorial service: Lord Hollenden, Southwark Cathedral, 10001.

St. Mary-Le Bow, Cheapade:
Lunch - hour dialogue, Mr Bernard Levin and the Rev Joseph McChiloch, 1.05.

Exhibition: Reflected Images, Kettle's Yard Gallery, Northampton Street, Cambridge, 12-6.

National Gallery, talk: "Metamocphoses: Art and Nature", by A. S. Byatt, 6.30.

Film archive in need of

more resources

varion material of all salected him and television programmes would be about £1.5m.

In his report, Mr Keith Lucas, the director, says the institute last year again substandally increased its total facome; but in spite of important activewments it was still necessary to recognize the continuing need for the BF1 to fight for public recognition of the true importance of film, not only as an irreplaceable and unique record of society but as one of the most vital art forms in our culture.

Total spending last year, the report says, was £3,629,000; income totalled £3,643,000 including a grant of £2.5m from the Department of £ducation and Science. Excess of expenditure over income dropped by £13,654 to £19,713, after taking into account an accumulated deficit of £33,367.

1942.43. Here the commanded the 104th Regiment (Essex Yeomanry) RHA and won his DSO at Alimnein. He was GSO 1 (Training) to the 21st Army Group in NW Europe from December, 1943, to the end of wer and was afterwards a staff

A correspondent writes:
Richard Haddow Forrest fell
into a professional mould that
was both formal and traditional. After a good practice
as a junior in Liverpool, he
later became the leader of the
Northern Circuit. Meanwhile,
while still in practice, he held
wavied judicial offices in criminal, civil and appellate jurisdictions, as recorder of Salford,
as president of the Jersey and
Guernsey Court of Appeal and
as the last holder of the judgeship of the Liverpool Court of

ship of the Liverpool Court of Pessage.

In due course he was appointed a circuit judge in 1972 and sat in Sussex and Kent, As a leader at the Ber he was com-General Alexel Semyonovich General Alexei Semyonovich Zhadov, who was Deputy Commander-in-Chief, subsequently First-Deputy Commander-in chief of the USSR's ground forces from 1955 to 1964, has died at the age of 77. Zhadov had commanded the Russian 66th Army (later 5th Goards Army) playing an important role in the battles of Kursk and Cryol.

Great Brittin-Chica Centre

Mrs S. Abuzeid

Supper party

The Jordanian Ambassador and Mrs Salah Abuseid gave a reception at Claridge's hotel last night on the occasion of the silver jubilee and birthday of King Husain. Among those present

Members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Members of the Reases of Parliament, representatives from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and other ministries, members of royal spiker stiff, representatives from the media. Reductry and commonroe and other frames of Jerdan.

OBITUARY

SIR WILLIAM CARR

Former chairman of News of the World Organisation

the board.

He was the youngest son of the late Sir Emsley Carr who, in conjunction with Lord Ridtor much of its success on its remarkable transport and dis-tribution organization which ensured the appearance of the paper on the Sunday breakfast paper on the Sunday breakfast table of readers in practically every corner of the British Isles. It provided an excellent sporting and general news service and, in the days when full reports of divorce actions could be published, they were given with a mass of detail.

Towards the end of 1968 Carr had to fend off a £28m takeover bid for the News of the World group made by Mr Robert Maxwell's Pergamon

CB, DSO, OBE, a former Com-

mandant of the Royal Military

Academy Sandhurst, died on

November 7 at the age of 69. Educated at Wellington and the

RMA Woodwich he was com-

missioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery in 1928. He served at home for the next four years playing a

great deal of rugby both for the Army and for England, gaining four caps. He served for the next six years in India and from the end of 1938 until the outbreak of www. was an instructor at the RMA Wool-

wich.

Be was wish the British Expeditionary Force in 1940 being sent to France with the Shud Division after Dunkirk, and with the Royal Horse Artificry wish the Eighth Army in the Western Desert in 1942-43. Here he commanded the 104th Restment (Expert

Sir. William Carr, chairman of the News of the World Organization from 1960 to 1969 and of News of the World Ltd from 1952 to 1969, died yesterday at the age of 65. He remained Life President of the companies (called News International Ltd) and consultant to the board.

Press. The result of the some what drawn-out battle was a dear victory for Carr—the family lost control of their companies, on 1969, died yesterday at the age of 65. He remained Life President of the lian newspaper proprietor, who are 37 could match Maxwell when it came to a reputation for drive and growth, won the when it came to a reputation for drive and growth, won the

college, Cambridge, He joined the News of the World organization had acquired a 38 per cent interest in the French company. in conjunction with Lord Riddell, took the leading part in the creation of the Sunday newspaper which became a household name throughout the world. Long before the arrival of air transport they had tackled the problem of distribution of their paper in a big way and in its early days the News of the World relied to the News of the World organization in 1937 and became chairman of the company in 1952. During Carr's ch row's Newspapers Ltd, was other European countries. acquired and Carr thus con- In view of his incre

fare until 1947.

He was Chief of Staff Combined Operations in 1948 and after attending the Imperial Defence College was Commander Royal Artillery of the 1st Division in the Middle East. In 1952 be commanded the 2nd Infantry Brigade in the Causi Zone and during 1953 was a member of a Ministry of Defence Working Party on Atomic Weapons. He was Commandent at Sandhurst from 1954 to 1955, Subsequently he was Director of Royal Artillery, War Office 1957 to 1959 and GOC 1st Division from 1959 to 1960 when he retired.

He was Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Regiment of Artillery from 1963 to 1968 and was Hon Colonel of the Essex Yeomanry from 1961 to 1966. He was Lieutenant-Governor and Secretary of the Royal Military Hospical Chelsea from 1962 to 1967. He was President of the Rugby Football Union in 1961-62.

He married, in 1935. Marv

He married, in 1935, Mary Jameson, daughter of Major-General Hugo De Pree, CB, CMG, DSO. They had one

petent, but restrained and, in one sense, unstretched—except when faced with an intellec-tual challenge and a formidable

MAJOR-GENERAL R. G. S. HOBBS

Major-General R. G. S. Hobbs, officer at HQ Amphibious War-B, DSO, OBE, a former Com-fare until 1947. He was Chief of Staff Com-

JUDGE R. H. FORREST

former commercial relevision company for South Wales and william Emsley Carr was the West of England. At the born on May 30, 1912, and was educated at Clifton and Trinity announced that the News of Europe Société Anonyme, which produced newscast short

contract for the State Television services of France and In view of his increasing commitments Carr found it acquired and Carr thus controlled the destinies of all the newspapers published in Worcester including Berrow's Worcester journal, one of the oldest newspapers in the world. By 1962 when the Bromsgrove Massenger was acquired, the Berrows Organisation Ltd. group included two evening papers and 14 weeklies in Worcestershare and Herefordshire.

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CANON SUBIR BISWAS

Canon Subir Kumar Biswas, Canon of Calcutta Cathedral and friend of the outcast and poor, died on November 13 in poor, died on November 13 in a Calcutta nursing home after a long illness. He was 43.

Always an outstanding priest intellectually, he first became known worldwide for his almost superhuman efforts for the refugees during the crisis when East Pakistan became Bangladeth and estering people came desh and starving people came flooding into India and Calcutta. flooding into India and Calcutts. His work for their relief was ceaseless—at one time he worked a 48 hour stretch without sleep and almost without food till he collapsed so exhausted as to be unable ro speak. During the time of the emergency he made Calcutta Cathedral into a great store for blackets, food and medicine for the sick and starving. "Here is a cathedral doing its true work", he said.

Re believed that his cathedral existed for the city, its people

existed for the city, its people and its poor. From the com-pound where the great church stands were sent doctors with medicines for the bustess and christian workers went out every night to serve the pave-ment dwellers in "Operation Twilight". He taught them not just to give relief but to take those well-nigh skeletons in those well-night skeletons in their sams to assure them that someone cared in Christ's tame. He had a passion not just for help but for justice. He formed the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service and later the Calcutta Consortium, a combine of all the relief organizations, receiving encouragement, and help from Christian Aid in England. He announced "We need all our faith in the face of a massive onslaught to deprive the city's poor of every sort of dignity and justice. It is a tual challenge and a formidable adversary. Bur as a judge he demonstrated qualities of a consistently high order. His conduct of a hearing was relaxed, firmly authoritative yet absolutely fair. When it came to sentence his deep religious convictions and lively sense of justice operated with a natural casuastry.

Those close to him saw a sive onslaught to deprive the city's poor of every sort of dignity and justice. It is a hopely and exhausting bettle ". He endured a long illness always hoping to be able to return to his work for the oppressed. "God", he said, during that time. "has given me so many girts, so much desire, so little time to achieve what I see needs to be done and interpreted".

He died very peacefully. He leaves an English-born widow and one daughter. a natural casustry.

Those close to him saw a person greater than any office he held and this stature is reflected by the intellectual schievements of the family he shared with his exceptional wife Monica. and one daughter.

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Archbishop Alfred Tooming, Primate of the Estonian Evan-getical Lutheran Church, has died, Tass news agency reports from Moscow. He was 71.

He Chia-Chan, Chief of Staff of the Foochow military region of China, died of a heart arrack on October 2 Church news

Appointments Great Brittin-Chim Centre:
A reception was held at the Great
Britain-China Centre yesterday in
honour of Mr Tseng Tao, leader
of a press delegation from the
People's Regulble of China. Sir
Harold Thompson, chairman, welcomed the guestis. Among those
present were:
The Chinase Ambassader, Lord Gladwire. Baroness Vicker, Mr William
Deedus, Sir Denis Hamilton. Sir John
Rewick. Sir Frederick and Lady
Bennett. Sir John Lievellyn. Dr.
W. W. Tarforr, Mr Andrew Penide.
Handley Deny, Mr Andrew Penide.
MP, and other members of Partiament
and representatives of the great the
Foreign and Commonwealth. Office and
other government departments.

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It is believed that the origin of life must have depended on the assembly on Earth of two sorts of molecule: nucleic acids, which carry the genetic code, and proteins, which perform all the complex metabolic functions of living cells. It is with the prebiotic synthesis of proteins of living cells. It is with the prebiotic synthesis of proteins that Dr Clifford Matthews and his colleagues at Hignost University, and Dr Robert Minard, at Pennsylvania State University, have been concerned.

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Luncheons

HM Government HM Government
Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister
of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a
uncheon at Lancaster House
yesterday in honour of M George
Macovescu, Minister for Foreign
Arfairs, Romania, and Mme
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Macovesch, Among others present were: The Romanian Ambassador and Mme Popa, M luits Dobrots, M Train Chebier. M Caristan Constantinere. Standard Mme M. Caristan Constantinere. Standard Mme M. Caristan Constantinere. Mr. R. Seconde. Mr. R. Hibbert, Mr. J. L. Jones, Mr. Baymond Hawby, Mp. Mr. and Mrs. M. Eccles, Mr. B. Davy, Mr. and Mrs. R. James, Group Canistin Domond Devite and Mrs. N. Palerson. British Council

British Council
Dr P. A. I. Tahourdin, Deputy
Director-General, the British Council, and Mrs Tahourdin were hosts
ar a luncheon held ar Msudie's
restaurant vesterday in honour of
Mrs Lea Porath, Director. Division
of Arts and Culture, Ministry of
Arts and Culture, Israel.

Dimners

Lord Mayor's Banquet
The Archbishop of Camerbury, the
Lord Chancellor and the Prime
Minister were among the speakers
at a banquet in Gulidhall yesterday evening given by the Lord
Mayor, Air Commodore and Alderman the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck,
accompanied by the Lady Mayores
and the Sheriffs and their ladies,
for the ontgoing Lord Mayor.
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Bishop of London and Mrs Ellison, the
Lord Chamboriain and Lady Mocion,
the Chancelor of the Exchequer and

Dane named for refugee post

Copenhagen, Nov 14.—The Nordic countries—Denmark, Fin-land, Lecland, Norway and Sweden—have proposed Mr Paul Harding, a former Danish Prime Minister as their candidate for the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

It was understood here that his selection was the result of a direct request to the Nordic countries by Dr Waldheim,

hiry Howier, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Widgery, the Master of the Rolls, the President of the Family Division, the Attentity Crewel and the Hon Mrs Sittles, Marriag of the RAF Lord and Lady Evertity, Lord Todd. GM, and Lady Todd. Lord Justice and Lady Evertity, Lord Justice and Lady Browne, the Chief of the Defence Staff and Lady Common, the Chief of the Air Staff and Lady Bestham, the Chief of the Air Staff and Lady Bestham, the Chairman of the Staff and Lady Bestham, the Chairman of the Staff and Lady Bestham, the Chairman of the Royal Bernight of Kingston upon Thomas and hir Traver Tupping, representatives of Parliament, the Chief Sevice, the Armad Forces, Judges, banking, commercial and provised pain institutions, nearest of the Lord Mayor and the Bhasille, Aldermen, common coancilmen and and their ladies.

Old Etonian Dinner
The Marsden Club held a dinner
at the Bath Club yesterday evening. The guest of honour and
speaker was Mr F. J. R. Coleridge,
Vice-Provost of Eton.

Furniture Makers' Company
The Furniture Makers' Company
beld their annual ladies' cinner
at Clothworkers' Hall last night
when the Master, Mr John Barclay
Jacobs, presided, and the other
speakers were Sir Raiph Perring
and Mr D. G. A. Owen. Oxford Society
The annual dinner of the Jersey
branch of the Oxford Society was
held yesterday evening at the
Hotel L'Horizon, St Brelade's Bay,
Jersey. The Rev C. P. Harrison
presided and the guest speaker
was Lord Briggs, Provost of Worcester College, Oxford.

Anglo-Jewish Association
The Anglo-Jewish Association held a reception in the House of Commons last night in honour of Sir Zeiman Cowen, Governor-General designate of Australia, and Lady Cowen. The guests were received by the president Dr Basil Bard and Mrs Bard, and the deputy president Mr Neville Sandelson. MP, and Mrs Sandelson. Among those present were: those present were ;—
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Sir Rex de Charembac Nap Kivell, of Chelsea, art dealer and director of Cheista, art dealer and director of the Redfern Gallery, left 1553,747 her. Apair from personal and other bequests he left to the Queen a collection of watercolours of some 120 natural history subjects from the collection of Cardinal Alessandro Albani which belonged to George III in 1763.

He left to the Netional Maridus He left to the Nettodal marrows Museum, Greenwich, a marroscript battle formation presumed to be Trafalgar but not verified, and all his books, paintings, drawings, priots and other items pertaining in Australianian and South Pacific arfairs to the National Library of

HM Government
Dr David Owen, Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs, was host at a bellet at
Covent Garden yesterday and at
a supper party at I Cariton Cardens afterwards in bonour of M
George Macovescu, Minister for
Foreign Affairs, Romania, and
Mine Macovesca. Among others
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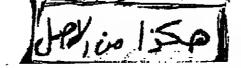
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What is a classic?

question which has long occupied writers and critics. Classics of Modern Design, at the Camden Arts Centre until December 18, borrows this term and immediately sets up unresouvable problems for isself. Bernard Gay, who organized the show, is clearly aware of this.

"In reference to the items shown in this exhibition, Classic implies the embodiment of qualities of form, function and excellence in use that are out. standing and recognized to a degree that many of the exhi-bits have continued in use for generation after generation despite the production of newer versions and despite changes in fashion and taste."

If the exhibition had kept to

this brief it would have been much more coherent and had a much more coherent and had a greater impact. But the principle has been modified in the setection and items have been included which do not stractly fit the definition. But as soon as the crateria are relaxed in this way what is included and what excluded appears arbitrary. Charles Rennie Mackintosh is there although his work is classic in a different sense to Gay's definition; but if Mackintosh, why mot the great Austrian designer Josef Hoffmann, whose furniture, silverware and other designs are being shown at Fischer Fine Art from Fréday?

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dustrial Artists and Designers or the student work hopefully shown as possible future "clas-sics". Few of these are classics or are likely to be, although the Issigonis Mini is, along with the Volkswagen Beetle and the Chrosn 2CV which are shown together in photographs only. (Surely it would have been possible to borrow cur-

been possible to borrow current versions from garages?)

There are good photographs of London Transport design (bus shelters, tube stations, etc) from the Frank Pick period between the wars, rightly described by Noel Carrington as "the most effective demonstration of design in action". Precious little postwar British design qualifies for the classic. One reason for this may well be the lack of the stimulus of a proper museum of modern design or a design section to the Tate. (The V & A's attempts to collect modern section to the Tate. (The V & A's attempts to collect modern design are sporadic and belated and they are not on show, except in occasional exhibitions.) The Tate just now has two Minis displayed, but only as prizes for the Stubbs Appeal Raffie!

At the V & A now is The Wireless Show, British radios from the beginning of broadcasting in 1922 until the arrival of the transistor in 1955. The first radios were technical

The first radios were technical boxes with separate loud-speakers or headphones, and

Juliet in Rudolf Nureyev's pro-

duction for London Festival

Baller is not a conventional bal-

lerina role. Rosaline has the

purer classical dancing to do,

But the performance was domi-

ful, not delicate. But she has

looking right, young but nubile. There is something convincingly

Romeo and Juliet

Hippodrome,

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John Percival

heightened by her eagerness. Yet she can be tellingly passive also, with thrilling effect in the duet when Romeo wrenches

her from the tomb.

Nicholas Johnson is her
Romeo. He plays the part as a
sensitive, fine-grained romantic boy with just enough of a more mettlesome quality showing through to explain his involvement with so impetuous a girl. His slighter build brings a change in the quality of the sinewy dances Nureyev created for himself, but they mostly work well in this lighter trans-

and very prettily Andria Hall carried that off at Birmingham on Saturday, one of many new-comers to the leading parts for the ballet's first provincial tour. cription.
The previous night another new couple had danced the roles. Elisabetta Terabust, al-Loeber's deeply impassioned and moving account of Juliet. though not so rewardingly unconventional in manner as Loeber, does bring to Juliet en She has neither the looks nor attractive gaucherie. Her touching fragility especially illuminuates the moment when she the style we associate with a ballerina. Her tiptilted nose and rather solid build go well with a technique that is forcestands as if imprisoned by her unwelcome wedding dress, a sacrifice to Paris. Patrice Bart a gift for putting a dramatic edge on her dancing, although her roles hitherto have allowed seemed more impeded than Johnson by the limited size of little scope for that except when Antony Tudor picked her for a small part in Echoing of Trum-pets. As Juliet that gift has the chance at last to blaze brought a welcome ardour to his dancing and acting. Johnson and Bart both played

sman part in Econing of Trum
pets. As Juliet that gift has the chance at last to blaze gloriously.

She has the advantage of looking right, young but nubile.

She has the advantage of looking right, young but nubile.

The company of Trum
Johnson and Bart both played when the production was new last spring. Johnson and Bart both played when the production was new last number of the company There is something convincingly addescent, too, about the hysterical urgency of her acting, the way every emotion is tated the wholesale recasting of

admiration he is sure must come his way by right. This interpretation gives incisiveness to what was formerly an undefined character, but at the ex-

ing family affection for Juliet. Kenn Wells plays up the comedy of Mercutio effectively but I thought him less convinc-ing in the serious moments, and the solos really need more vir-tuosity than he commands. Michael Beare is an amiable

Even with its high-powered first cast the ballet would not look quite so good on tour as it did at the Coliseum. A smaller the Birmingham stage but performing area reids in the soloists, requires some compro-mises in the ensembles (the flag dance in particular) and robs Ezio Frigerio's handsome set-tings of their illusory distances. But it would be wrong to em-phasize the limitations too much. Even with these impediments, the logic and power of Nurcyev's staging carry the day.
This Romeo and Juliet remains cogent and absorbing.



Thonet's hoop-back chair

history has come full circle because today's hi-fit radies or tuners are now just that.

Once the wireless became "furniturized" with a short northern vowel. Those who called it "plahstic" disapproved of it, except for picnics. Everybody elsa had to live with it.

The catalogue pack is good value at 60p and contains some facinating information. (Extrusion techniques used in plastics have their origins in the later television, as well as ears. Usually the loudspeaker became the focal point; sometimes loudspeaker and tuning dial were anthropomorphized into a robot face which lit up when it was switched on. Perhaps the most obvious example of this is Wells Coates's plain and rather ugly round Ekco, probably the only architectesigned wireless. The abow is submitled 130 Classic Radio Receivers—1920's to 1950's, but they can't all be, at least not in the sense of the Camden exhibition, in the sense exhibition,

Thirties radio sets came in Thirties radio sets came in two basic varieties, wood (posh) and bakelite (popular). During the war bakelite was needed for military purposes and the two utility models were both made of wood. The set I grew up with as a child during the transfer of the set of the during the war was fuge, brown and bakelite and dated from the Thirties. Bakelite was associated in my childhood mind with the Bakerloo line on the tube map (same disgusting colour). In fact, it was named after its inventor, Dr Leo Buckeland.

Backeland.

Bakelite was like Henry
Ford's cars: you could have it
in any colour as long as it was
brown. Light-coloured plastics
during the Thirties were of a
different material known as
"urea" (disgusting name).
Plastics of all kinds, from natural plastics (horn, rubber,
gutta percha, etc) through celluloid, bakelite and urea to
modern pycs and acrylics can
be seen in an informative exhibition at the Geffrye Museum
called Plastics Antiques. Plastics were looked down upon by called Plastics Artiques. Plastics were looked down upon by
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their work would be classics,
but all that is changed now—
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rounds driven by steam were replaced by the new mechanical rides. The old two-dimensional graphic styles of decoration which had been used for signs and the sides of roundabouts were elaborated and brightened into baroque painted forms which enveloped the metal sides of the new machines. It is an interesting example of an old decorative style being very quickly adapted to technological change. Both the old and the new can be seen at Whitechapel. Downstairs examples brought in straight off the fairground at the end of the seeson are on show and upstairs beautifully carved smimals and figures from the old carousels (often

carved animals and figures from the old carousels (often made by men who had previously worked on ships' figureheads) from Lady Bangor's Fairground Collection at Wookey Hall, Somerset.

Unfortunately a complete working roundsbout failed to materialize at the last minute, and although a juke box, slide മാവില്.

Paul Overy

materialize at the last minute, and although a julte box, slide show and working pinball machine gives something of the atmosphere of a real fair-ground, the earthy and oily smells are absent. (A pity the cafe couldn't have sold candy the couldn't have sold candy the cafe candy the ca floss and hot dogs.) And one misses the throb of the mobile generators and the great Foden tractors. But it's an enjoyable which deserves to be

other roles.

Frederic Werner gives Paris an aptly supercilious air, the manner of a man who poses all the time to acknowledge the pense of Werner's former role, Tybalt. David Long glowers dutifully in that part but cannot equal the malice Werner gave it; he is at his best in suggest-

Benvolio, but the sense of equality in friendship that was achieved by the original Romeo, Mercutio and Benvolio has evaporated.

Horrible Haydn

Philharmonia/ Frühbeck

Festival Hall

William Mann

The warning, given in the programme book, that Sunday's performance of Haydo's Crestion (or rather Die Schöpfung since it was sung in German) is imminently to be recorded for the gramophone was sufficiently alarming, once the concert had got under way, to warrant hopes of a legal veto, or at least a preventative act of God.

The conductor, Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos, is well known here, and has been admired for his readings in quite a broad repertory. But his notions of how Haydn's Creation should go are little short of disastrous on tempo, note-values, rhythm, texture, balance, and even basic grammatical decoration. Is it right that such commendable singers as Helen Donath, Robert Tear, and Jose van Dam should be made to sing the music of archangels, even that of pristine mankind, Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, as if they were grubby footpads or ragamuffins?

Haydn's Creation is one of the treasures of the choral repertory. Even if one did not know that Verdi and Wagner eng Vaughan Williams, and Beethoven also, held unorthodox beliefs when they com-posed their sucred master-pieces, one would conclude rightly that The Creation and its companion piece The Seasons, to say nothing of the Masses by Haydn which are

only just beginning to receive equal recognition, were the book of a devout as well as origiaul musical genius. Its music is miraculously sustained at a level of sublimity, that of a humble hum in being contemplating the curious and comical works of God as well as his omninotent majesty, a feat of imagination that no other com-

poser, I fancy, has equalled. Mr Frühbeck certainly did not live up to the feat. Devotees of eighteenth-century music usually have to deplore carelessness, in performance, about appoggiaturas, gracing in rereats, and cadenzas at pausemarks. Here the musical sins, anful indeed, ironed out texture so that significant invention (sometimes even the melody) was swamped, or 50 that fresh fautasy became as smarmy and nauseous as a bubble-bath lotion (e.g. the duets of Adam and Eve).

Of course the animal mimicry in "Rolling in foaming billows" was brought out, estimably by the Philharmonia orchestral soloists (sometimes elsewhere dubious of intonation). There was not much harpsichord to be heard outside dry recitatives the real mixed in the middle tit was missed in the middle section of "Von deiner Gut", the first Eden duet, and elsewhere! Fast tempi were adopted without consideration of whether the actual notes and their musical meaning could be conveyed: they were not.

There was, to be sure, some exquisite orchestral playing, from strings and wind. But it was a horrible, unmusical, anti-Haydo performance which drew the worst from soloists, choir and especially conductor.

Vienna Wind Quintet Wigmore Hall

Joan Chissell

The more they played, the more persuasive the Vienna Wind Quinter grew at Wigmore Hall on Sunday. According to the handbill the five players (Gottfried Hechtl, Manfred Kautzky, Siegfried Schenner, Robert Freund and Karl Dvorak) are all experienced orchestral

musicians who after some 16 years together in Europe are on their first major tour of Britain.

Of the six works, only Franz Danzi's graceful A major quintet was not written in the twentieth century. Here the group suggested that even if the way had not been long, the wind was certainly cold. Exposed melody-makers like flute

was not extreme: the eight ing.

muserte, coucou and the like) owe more to the past than the present. Here the tarmess of the tone suited the wryness of the score, while already the players sounded as if they were beginning to enjoy themselves.

short movements (tambouring

By the third work, they had completely found their form. This was a three-movement Sonata for wind quintet newly commissioned (with funds from the Arts Council) from Stephen Dedgers who Dodgson, a composer who thrives on special orders—Inthrives on special orders—in-deed for whose particular kind of mind they are almost a neces-sity. Once again he has met the challenge with the deftest craftsmanship besides imagina-tive awareness of what might be seemed the sonority potential. termed the sonority potential. Though the finale is lighter, the first two movements often open out the quintet like a fan, with full chordal texture built from a deep base. Though wholly abstract, the music has plenty to say. The work's teasing rhythms are intriguing, too.

posed melody-makers like flute and obose emerged rather pinched in tone, while in the Polacca finale their lively tempo seemed to strain ensemble besides taxing individual agility all round.

Jumping to a trio for obos, clarinet and bassoon by Milhaud was nor extreme: the eight ing.

Kirshbaum/Isador St John's/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

Schubert and the second Viennesa School were forgotten in yesterday's lunchtime concert broadcast from St John's. Instead, Relph Kirshbaum and Michael Isador ended their programme of music for cello and piemo with Beethoven's third sonata in A as reminder, perhaps, that we are still in 1977, the 150th anniversary year of his, not Schubert's, death.

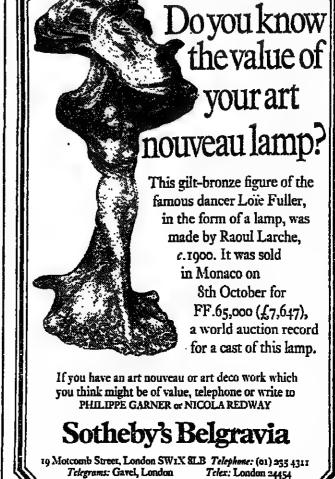
his, not Schubert's, death.

In the first movement, none the less, their leisurely tempo and relaxed way with every tune as it came along gave the music an uncommonly Schubertian feel. But from their bite and sustained drive there was certainly no mistaking who wrote the Scherzo. The finale was still more highly charged. They risked very fast tempo for this movement, each responding more movement, each responding more than the least responding more movement. movement, each responding to trail piece, needing an interpre-any little spur-of-the-moment ter's help.

surges from the other like a true duo.

Parmership was close, too, in Parmership was close, too, in Bach's D major sonata at the start of the programme. Mr Isador draw a clean, almost placked kind of sonority from his piano which only from a phrase or two in the finale seemed marginally too strong. Mr Kirshbaum also caught the music strain a clean. music's grave purity in a clear-cut line. As in Beerhoven's affi-too-brief slow movement, so in the Bach he made his instrument sing expressively without an excess of vibrato.

For novelty (if such a word can be applied to music written nearly 30 years ago) there was Benze's Serenade for solo cello, its nine whimsical little movements all salvaged from inci-dental music for an abandoned production of Much Ado about Nothing. Again there was much to enjoy in Mr Kırshbaum's cantabile and control of plucks and thrums. But here, a little more temperament (in the Rostropovich manner) might not have come amiss. It is an insubstan-



Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.



A missed opportunity that may have cost the clergy the pay rise they need

A recent correspondence in The Times as emphasized the inadequacy of lergy supends in these inflationary 'ays. Publication of the accounts of he Church Commissioners for the year nded March 31, 1977, shows that it tould have been possible for the comissioners to have remedied the situation at a stroke if they had chosen

The accounts show that at that date hey had Stock Exchange investments alued at £265,031,000 and these were nationally earning 6.84 per cent per rumm at that date. The actual income rom Stock Exchange investments dur-ng the year was £17,153,000. If that 265,031,000 had been reinvested durng the year in long-dated government ecurities it could now be earning 15 er cent or £39,754,500, an increase of 22,601,500, which would have been ssured until well into the twentyirst century; and on redemption the mmissioners, by a right choice of tocks, would make a big capital gain n monetary tenns.

There are 9,295 incumbents and largy of incumbent status in the nurch of England (latest figures). Let a throw in the superior clergy and or good measure call the figure 10,000. y the policy suggested the commis-oners could have afforded to pay each f them an extra £2,000 a year, kept a

useful balance in hand each year and ended up in 2015 with far more money than they had at the beginning. These are arithmetical facts, easily verified. Why have the commissioners not followed the policy?

They have recognized the force of the argument in two ways. They point out that "43.5 per cent of their Stock Exchange portfolio income is derived from fixed interest stocks"—that is, 43.5 per cent of the income comes from only 20.1 per cent of the assets—but they regard this as an argument for staying still instead of doing more. Second, "the Commissioners continued during the year their policy of taking advantage of the high interest rates obtainable from fixed interest stock exchange securities and at the same time preserving some degree of future income growth by capitalizing part of

the improved income ". In fact they invested a further £3,052,000, parily from the sale of equities, bringing the investment under this heading to £10,089,000. The income for the year from these securities was £847,000, of which £429,000 was capitalized. This recognizes the force of the policy here advocated but the commissioners have merely dipped their toes into the water instead of plunging

Why are they

inflation will be brought under control, they have based their policy on the high rate. It is already evident that they have judged wrongly, but even if inflation were to continue at 16.7 per cent the right policy would be to give the clergy only an extra £1,000 a year and to reinvest helf the increased income under the policy here advocated, which even now would give the commissioners an increased Stock Exchange income of £1,200,000 each year, precisely what they obtained in the year just a policy.

Secondly, they believe that the income from their investment in equities, though now modest-the rate on March 31 was only 5.3 per cent-will grow. No doubt it will, but we must expect ever government is in power, as a bargaining counter with the trade unions, and though ways will be found round it in particular cases the beneround it in particular cases the benefits are not likely to be so great as investment in gitts and reinvestment of half the proceeds would have been. The commissioners prefer assets backed by physical resources to assets backed by the credit of the British government, but physical assets are of little value if they become exhausted or cease to be in domand and when we consider

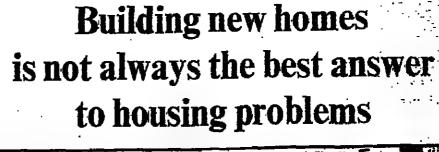
and Stater Walker we may wonder whether "the gnomes of Millbank" will always be able to "play the market" correctly.

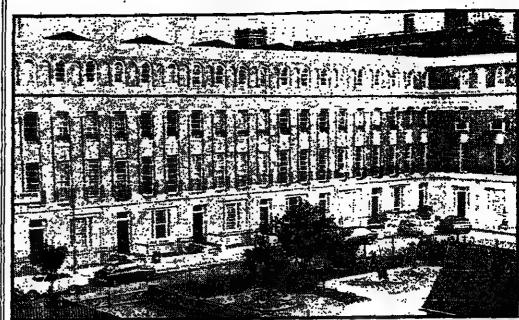
turous step in 1950 in deciding to enter the equity market in a big way. For many years the policy paid. But those were the days when the yield on equities was consistently higher than on gilts, and there was also real growth.

But times have changed, and we have long had a big "reverse yield gap".

The insurance companies and other big investors have taken advanage of this changed situation by investing in government securities on a large state, and most from the greater income they apart from the greater income they have seen a substantial rise in the value of their holdings. The commisvalue of their informers, the commis-sioners have failed to move with the times, and the opportunity they have lost may never recur. Now they could earn only 10½ per cent, not 15. "Jobbing backwards" is an unreward-ing exercise, so let it be said that the ing exercise, so let it be said that the commissioners were warned long ago that, whele the bus was still waiting, it would not wait for ever. They have now missed it, and it is the clergy who

Ivor Bulmer-Thomas





In a recent article in The Times, Lord Eccles placed the improvement in the housing of those who are poorly housed as those who are poorly housed as the nation's first priority—with-out of decent place to live in, he asked, how can you think society is fair? The statistics in the Housing Policy Green Paper justify the question, but obscure the solution. While the consultative document may be monsense, it avoids any com-mitment as to the balance between investment in new conimprovement and perpetuation of the existing housing stock. of the existing housing stock.
Yet there are no more vital
questions to pose than how
many new houses do we need
to build each year and how
much do we need to spend on
our existing houses in order to
ensure that by 1986 there are
no longer families living in
houses that are unfit for human
bebingion.

statistical and semantic trap, for any official analysis designates the ultimate state of the hous-ing stock in terms of fitness or unfitness a statutory description not much changed in its conception since the Housing and Town Planning Act of 1919. and Town Planning Act of 1919.
Thus the Green Paper is able to show that we have eliminated 348,000 unfit houses since 1971 in England and Wales—but 900,000 still remain; there has been a startling 43 per cent increase in the numbers of houses requiring reasts costing more requiring repairs costing more than £1,000 (£2,350 at 1976 prices), and there are more than 1,500,000 so-called "fit" houses in England alone in a state of serious disrepair requiring more than £1,000 spent on each of them at today's prices. To these ries and the modernizing of the overall property is indicated at close to £9,000.n—equivalent to more then 10 times the total capital expenditure spent on all grant sided improved—in 1975 —which at the most includes 50 per cent repair work.

50 per cent repair work.

As the Green Paper says, at least one in 10 of every household in England and Wales are living in circumstances which are just not acceptable. In the view of the National Home Improvement Council there are still more than 3,000,000 houses below what should be defined as the minimum habitablity standard (the term unfit should be pensioned off).

The conclusion must be reached that we have greatly misjudged the amount of money that we have to invest and make available in order to ensure that our existing stock

ensure that our existing stock of houses does not fall into premature obsolescence—and the Green Paper perpetuates this misjudgment.

elimination of substandard housing and in so doing we have destroyed precisely the kind of housing in terms of scale and identity that are most likely to be required in the future. By 1986 the policy clearance will have been completed-any demolition beyond that date will be of habitable stock—or stock we have so neglected in the intervening 10 years that it has become unfit—thus the housing stock will be larger and older—with for example 7,000,000 houses more than 65 years old in 1966 (compared with 4,700,000 in 1975) or some 2,500,000 over 105 years old (1,630,000).

How much abould we be spending on the upkeep of that stock and how many new houses can we afford to add at the same time? The review for England and Wales avoids an opinion—the Scots are less reticent. The Scottish Green Paper suggests a redical reduction in the rate of new housing—mainly in the public sector—and observes that "the axtentions." and observes that "the extent of the estimated departure

which has been customary in the past may seem surprising. . . There is a remarkable wealth of velusble data and analysis in the Technical Volumes for England and Wales, but the complex projections and tables on the other hand strain both credulity and arithmetic perspicacity. The central Environment Department projection indicates a ment projection indicates a level of new housing (1976-1986) above the 1971-1975 average—notwithstanding zero population growth, a rising vacancy rate and slower household formation (135,000 each bold formation (135,000 because compared with 205,500 beyear compared with 205,500 between 1966-1970 and 159,000 between 1971-1976). For every 1,000 new households formed between 1966 and 1970 we built in Great Britain 1,795 houses and 1,649 between 1971 and 1975, thus the consequences of continuing at the present rate of new building over the next decade would be to create 1,780 new houses for create 1,780 new houses for every 1,000 new households. In the past there was a deficit of stock to households, and the surplus built went to replace bouses demolished and to accumulate a margin of houses to households and vacant stock. We cannot blindly continue the accumulation of surplus new stock while turning our backs on the deficit of 3,000,000 aubstandard occupied stock that require investment for modernization and repair.

investment and subsidy will be critically dependent on the also the balance between pub-

lic and private.

On average during the past three years about 77 per cent of the housing investment in dwellings was for new building and 23 per cent for improve-ment—the latter representing sbout 4 per cent of the total domestic fixed capital forma-

In their estimate of the hous-ing stock situation, the NHC have shown that many families in 1986 will still be occupying houses not suitable for human habitation in 1986 and very probably in 1996 unless we double the present rate of improvement investment and thereby add an extra 1,250,000 fit houses to the stock, by

The proportion of the gross demestic fixed capital formation applied to dwellings has never varied by much more than 1 per cent over the past 15 years (three year averages at 1970 prices). If rotal housing investment cannot nousing investment cannot be increased then the consequences of doubling the present level of investment (at 1970 prices) to say 8 per cent of GDFCF would mean a reduction of £400m per annum from new housing investment. from new housing investment. This in turn would amount to a reduction of present new building to about 245,000 per annum for the United Kingdom or about 210,000 for England and Wales.

The public sector improvement share was numerically very much the greater 440 per

sector new building but to en-sure that the released funds find their way into improve-ment instead of being trans-ferred elsewhere will above all else demand that loans for im-provement are as freely avail-able as loans for new housing —irrespective of the state of the unimproved property—and that they carry the same tax

Those who refuse to accept any of this must select from the three choices challengingly presented in the Scottish Review—a very high vacancy rate, widespread demolition of houses of a good standard, or substantial under-occupation. The same message can be extracted from the Technical Volumes for England and Wales but it is rather hard work.

P. A. Denison

Improvement investment represents an alternative investment option to demolition and rebuilding; both activities involve raising capital, obtaining and Insulation Division of Capeloans and providing subsidies

Power without responsibility: a bleak prospect for education

Education in Britain is part of the totality of local government. It is regrettable that the Taylor Committee in its report has sought to obscure this fact. Its proposals for the composition of governing bodies take us one step farther from an elected democracy, one step nearer to a corporate state. Councillors corporate state. Councillors undoubtedly have their defects, but they do have an overview of the whole of local services and they are accountable to the electorate. To whom will these new governors be accountable? Teachers clearly can be answerable to the staff, prefer-

ably as representatives and nor as delegates. Experience with parent-governors has varied: in some cases the elections have been a great success, in others a low poll is combined with a s low poll is commined with a situation where the parent-governor does not feel accountable to any clearly defined body. They can easily become prey to take over bids by unrepresentations which tative pressure groups which abound in education as else-

The proposed recruitment of representatives from industry, commerce and "the community" is even more anomalous: nity" is even more anomalous:

ou what basis will these governors be selected?, to whom will they be answerable? In effect they will tend to be the acquaintances—or supporters—of members of the other three groups. To divorce policy from bility. In giving to parents, financial control is highly unterested the illusion of control when the curriculum as well as aspects.

of internal organization and provision often need the expen-diture of large sums of money if they are to be satisfactorily implemented. The curriculum is the preserve of the governors but financial control rests with the local education authority. In this way governors could, for example, have voted for the introduction of Nuffield Science without the ability to finance the necessary expenditure.

The proposal to prevent people from serving on more than one governing body is deplorable. The ability of governors to compare the achievements and shortcomings of different schools will be seriously ferent schools will be seriously impaired. Members who sir on several governing bodies can see the needs of the school in the overall context of educathe overall context of educarional provision in the authority.

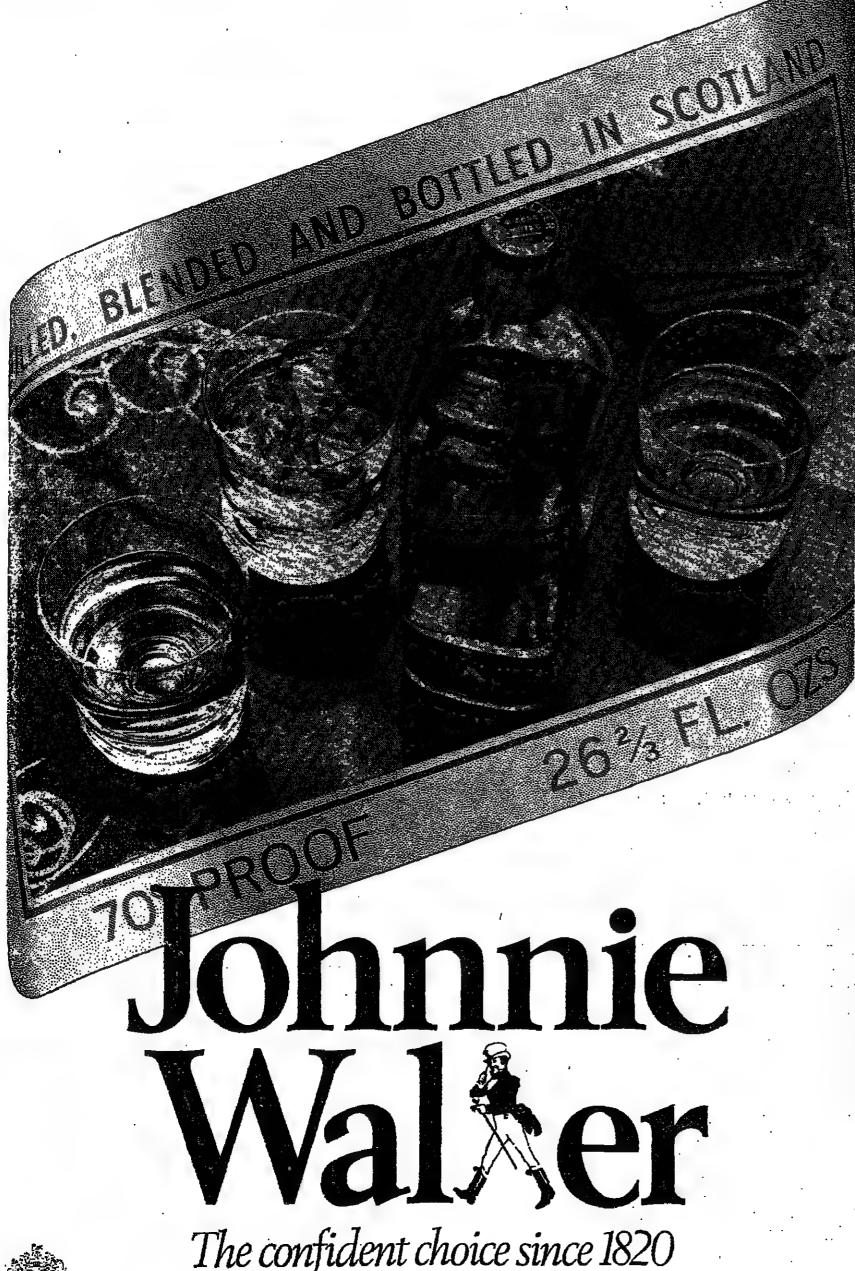
It is part of the responsibility
of a governor to represent the
needs of the school to the
authority: it is equally his task
to help the school to understand
its position as part of the whole
local education service. As a
headmaster I have often wellheadmaster, I have often welcomed the advice of governors; who have been able to relate my requests to the needs of the authority as a whole and to the requirements of other schools in the area.

rests with the council, they are deliberately establishing bodies doomed to frustration. The creation of unrealistic expectations has been one of the serious problems of Eritish public life: since the war.

Finally there is a crucial political issue. Under our system of local government candidates inevitably seek election on a platform of proposed measures. This is essential to a lively local democracy. Educational "promises" form part of the programme. The elected majority needs the institutional power to implement its power to implement its promises. Although all my 20 vears in local government have been spent in minority, I would never seek to deny a majority party the right to introduce democratically the policy on which it was elected. Taylor would make this harder to

Members of the committee are entitled to the view that the present constitutional arrangements for local government and the place of education within it are in need of radical reform. In which case let them say so, reorganize the powers and com-position of governing bodies within our present framework does no service to education, local government or democracy.

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BUSINESS NEWS



Plan to split

Mr Michael Edwardes, British

Leyland's new executive chair-

man, is expected to announce

organization and management

changes tomorrow which will

result among other things in Leyland Cars being split into

five profit accountable divi-

Sources within the company

By Clifford Webb

sions.

Bank of England moves to widen its operations lead to a rift with clearers

By Ronald Pullen (1) Panking Correspondent

In an important new depar-ture the Bank of England has made tentative approaches to public bodies like local authori-ties and nationalized industries to persuade them to switch their main accounts away from the London clearing banks to

the Bank.

This has led to a rift between the Bank and the clearers over the latter's request that the Bank bear its full share of the cost of using the central clearing house system for cheques if it moves further into the commercial hanking sphere

Should the switch happen it will result in the Bank making much heavier use of the clear-ing facilities. The Bank is already a member of the clearing house on account of the commercial banking business it

carries out.
This is limited to a handful of bodies like the Inland Revenue and a few local Revenue and a few local authorities such as the Greater London Council, employee accounts and a few other prestige accounts, and the number of cheques passing through the clearing system on the Bank's behalf is insignificant.

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If the Bank does step up its use of the clearing system, however, the "reciprocity sarcement" which is central to the equitable operation of the clearing house will break down since there is no twenty flow on the clearing house will break down since there is no twenty flow. since there is no two-way flow

By Caroline Atkinson

only provisional, and the falls recorded only slight, they offer

little cheer to the Government .-

The continued failure of the economy to pick up significantly this year is now receiving more attention from both

the Government and its critics.

improved dramatically, but this

future looks much brighter than the past as shown in these

current account surplus will be

lower next year than some carlier estimates had suggested,

even though we will be rapidly moving towards self-sufficiency in oil. A current account surplus of only about £1,500m ls now

Equally, it is clear that Britain is suffering a steady crosion of its export competitiveness. This is even before the

pound was allowed to appreciate on the international currencies

markets at the end of last

by the technicians of the Inter-national Monetary Fund, prices

of our goods sold overseas im-

if the devaluation of sterling last year. By late summer, a third of this improvement had

leen eroded.

According to the key index export competiveness used

officially predicted for 1978.

As it is now structured the pattern of debits and credits among the participants tends to balance out, involving only small adjustments at the end every working day.
What the clearing banks are

now seeking is an undertaking from the Bank of England that if it does become more closely involved in money transmission services it should be fully charged for using the clearers facilities.

At the moment, the clearers, through the Committee of London Clearing Banks, are at the stage of making their position clear. It is understood that the Bank's line is that its responsibilities to the clearing system are discharged on presentation of cheques at the clearing

Meanwhile, the Bank justifies its involvement in commercial banking on the ground that it needs to keep its finger on the pulse of the banking system if it is to carry out its broader functions effectively. A spokesman for the Bank claimed yesterday that "we are not changing our stance". But with increasing pressure on public bodies to effect their

Falls in industrial output and retail

sales underline sluggish economy

maintained, would be fast enough to turn the trend of

rising unemployment.

However internal Treasury forecasts see the bulk of this

growth coming in the second half of next year, with a

meagre 11 per cent annual rate

six months.

Mr Hesley's latest miniBudget will go some way to encourage faster growth in the
conomy, and officials were yesterday emphasizing there.

Britain's export competitiveness eroded

There were a number of special factors behind the £148m

fall in exports and the £99m fall in imports during October.

Government statisticians calcu-late that movements of excep-

tional costly items like precious

stones, ships, aircraft and North Sea installations were respon-

sible for about two thirds of

In addition, the American east coast docks strike, which began on October 1, may have reduced exports and imports last month.

Yet, while these factors would

account for the fall of 41 per cent in the volume of exports

last month, they do not explain why the volume of exports

have increased by only 1 per cent during the past three months, compared with the pre-vious three months. Special factors have also dis-

the fall in exports and half fall in imports lust month.

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Industry is meeting such increases in demand as there have been by running down some of these stocks.

In the past three months

Clear evidence of the depressed state of the "real" economy came yesterday with the publication of official figures showing that industrial output fell in September and retail sales in October were lower for the second month running.

Although the figures are gross national product in the year to end 1978. This, it is maintained, would be fast

are only obliquely, linked with the current Price Commission investigation into bank charges, there is a widespread belief that an increase in charges to the nationalized industries by

the clearers was one of the main reasons for the present investiwhat is also starting to con-cern some clearing banks is that this latest move could presage a greater involvement by the s greater involvement by the Bank in the commercial bank-ing field where its access to confidential information, not only on industry but also indi-vidual banks could create some conflicts of interests. They roduli banks could create some conflicts of interests. They feel that the Bank should restrict its operations to purely central bank functions.

At the same time there is some disquiet that the Bank no longer represents the City's view in Whitehall quite as effectively as it did, although in its swidence to the Wilson Commit-tee the Bank went to some lengths to stress its "neutral

rols". The clearers have been parricularly upset by the apparent failure of the Bank to support its proposals for an adjustment to monetary items in the inflation accounting debate. Also, plans to give the Bank statutory powers over the banking system have raised questions about its future relationship with the clearing banks.

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risen by about 1 per cent at an annual rate. It now stands 1 per

cent above the level of a year

cent above the level of a year earlier.

Manufacturing industry has cone a little worse. Output in the third quarter of this year was i per cent lower than last year and scurcely changed from

vear and scarcely changed from the previous three months. industries which have per-formed best in the latest few raonths, such as metal manu-facture and textiles, are typic-ally those which did worst estiler in the year. The overall

pattern is one of continued linguishness.

1 19 per cent rise in output between the third quarter of

guised to some extent the under-lying volume trend of imports. According to the official figures, the volume of imports dropped by 6 per cent between May-July and August-October, but when special items are excluded, if

special items are excluded, it would appear that the volume of imports showed no such fall.

TRADE BALANCE Em/month

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Mining and quarrying has

Insurance shares slump after rights issue surprises market

Commercial Union to raise £73.8m Leyland

Commercial Union Assurance the country's largest insurance group, yesterday launched a £73.8m rights issue its second within three-and-a-half years
to support what the group describes as
prudent growth over the next few

Although speculation about a funding operation has been rife for several weeks, the size and timing of the issue surprised the stock market and caused a heavy shakeout in insurance shares. There was evidence that some Scottish institutions had rejected underwriting opportunities.

writing opportunities.

CU is asking shareholders to take up new shares at 130p on the basis of one for every six held, representing a discount on Friday night's closing price of 15½ per cent. But the group's shares tumbled 14p on the news to close last night at 140p. Speculation that other composites may follow the lead caused shares of Royal Insurance, which reports its third quarter remits today, to slumn 30p to 395n. Sun Insurance, which reports its third quarter results today, to slump 30p to 395p. Sun Alliance fell back 33p to 572p and General Accident closed 12p lower at 240p.

CU's call was accompanied by nine months' pre-tax profits figures nearly 140 per cent higher, at £66.7m, and the promise of a 10 per cent dividend increase for the current year taking the ax-rights yield to just under 8½ per cent.

Stockbrokers to the issue, Cazenove and Houre Govett, said yesterday that the

underwriting had gone "satisfactorily". However, it is understood that some institutional shareholders, particularly in Scotland have taken strong exception to the issue coming at a time when CU stock from the 1974 £62m rights issue and the £42m share takeover of Estates House Investment Trust earlier this year is still

acting as a severe depressant on the

market.
The rights call comes after a heavy

The rights call comes after a heavy rationalization programme and a boardroom row which resulted in Mr Gordon
Dunlop resigning his 553,400-a-year post
as chief executive in June and being
replaced by Mr Jack Emms.

Mr Emms said yesterday that although
the present level of shareholders funds
is well in excess of statutory requirements
the board felt that they should be
strengthened further to provide a suitable
margin for prudent growth.

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As a result of the new cash shareholders funds should increase from about £514m to £588m representing around 55 per cent of net written non-life premium income for the 12 months to September 30. This puts the CU's solvency ratio into the middle range of British insurance erouse.

groups.
Mr Emms said yesterday that the recent sale of its German and Austrian subsidiaries for f15m combined with strong premium discipline had already got the solvency ratio moving in the right

Cars group desirable particularly to accommodate growth in business arising from premium rate increases and from the effects of likely soon

inflation on sums insured.

Results for the first 9 months of this year actually show a reduction in premium income of more than 2 per cent to £875.5m. But the group says this reflects underlying growth of 7 per cent after allowing for exchange rate movements and the sale of the European subsidiaries.

Much of the improvement continues to come from the United States, where the underwriting deficit has been cut from £25.5m in the first three quarters of last

year to £4.8m. Underwriting results are continuing to Improve in all major United States classes, while in the United Kingdom where the deficit has been cut from 52.7m to £800,000 after taking account of £3.3m from uncarned premium provisions results are said to be improving, particu-

results are said to be improving, particularly in the motor and fire classes.

Australia has swung from a £4.7m loss to a surplus of £1.4m but market conditions are said to be coming increasingly difficult while western Europe—mainly Holland—has seen a deficit grow from £11.2m to £15.7m, largely as a result of inadequate rates for motor business.

A rise in investment income from £91.1m to £95.8m reflects a growth in £91.1m to £95.8m reflects a growth in available investment funds and includes earnings of £1.8m from Estates House.

policy which was not strong enough for many businessmen.

The conference document policy advocates a reduction in total taxation by 5 per cent of the gross domestic product over

five years. The CBI calculates that this would be equivalent to

£6,000m at current prices and would permit a cut of 30 per cent in the amount taken in

This would be possible if the present level of public expenditure was maintained but not increased, the CBI says.

increased, the CBI says.

Bitterness over what the CBI sees as "gross over-government." was veutlated at Brighton yesterday when the delegates backed a demand that ministers. "Seen the flood " of legislation and configure available.

legislation and confine public

expenditure to present levels.

The resolution, proposed from
the platform by Mr Trevor

Holdsworth, deputy chairman of Guest Keen & Nettlefolds, was

passed unanimously,
Lord Watkinson told delegates before the vote that they

should take the resolution as

embracine outright opposition to the Government's devolution

proposals as well as to laws directly affecting industry.

state control of supply, to state dictation of demand."

He told the conference that 44 per cent of the nation's in-

come was spent by the state with the "decisions being taken

not by the consuming public, but by politicians and bureau-

Holdsworth "We are already some way down the path that leads from

income tax.

50 pc top tax rate

A strong call for a cut in

Mr Edwardes said that the present "penal" rates of taxa-

tion on earned and investment income should be progressively

reduced to 50 per cent by 1979 at the very latest ".

nation from the shop floor to

The president of "one of our North American competitors".

North American competers had disclosed to him that 100 British immigrant executives were working for his company.

We must need our heads read

to allow the flight from Britain of palented managers, in this way because of fiscal policies".

He was speaking as a vice-president of the British Insti-

president of the british that, into of Munagement, but his plain speaking suggests that his appointment to Leyland will not deter him from taking a

strong stand on public policy

A platform resolution, pro-posed by Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman of Cadbury Schweppes endorsad the policy in the con-ference document "Britain Means Business 1977" for a maximum tax rate of 50 per

matters in future.

suggested last night that the divisions will be: small cars, medium cars, large cars, specialist and sports cars, parts and servicing. These classifications were introduced some months ago by

the sales and marketing department and their extension to profits has been advocated increasingly within the conbany. They also follow the pattern

established by the recent thanges introduced by Mr Desmond Pitcher, chairman of Leyland Truck and Bus. He has set up four subdivisions : heavy vehicles, medium, light vehicles, passenger vehicles and parts. The strongest possible hint

The strongest possible hint about the changes in the pineline for cars came yesterday from Mr Edwardes himself. In an interview prominently displayed on the front page of the company newspaper British Lepland Mirror, he said: "The decentralization technique is already paying dividends in certain areas of British Leyland. It was passed in the end with barely any opposition but only after Lord Watkinson, president of the CBI, had gone out of his way to stress that the CBI Coun-cil would "look again" at a

"Truck and Bus are really quite decentralized now with many profit centres. Special Products is much the same and the same applies to Levland International. The Cars groun is less decentralized but that is something to be looked at.

"I believe that people enjoy their jobs more if they have specific authority. I believe in the profit centre concept. I believe in deploying people into and where goods are pro-duced."

In a comment which will find ready support throughout Lev-land Cars, he concluded: "If to decentralize authority down to where the knowledge exists for the decisions to be taken. We have to establish far more local ear." local say.

Levland Cars central stuff under Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director, are expected remain in their headquarters but will assume a autonomous subdivisions.

However, their number will be much reduced as senior executives and specialists are moved out to form the new management teams for the subdivisions.

Mr Edwardes assumed his duties on November 1-hardly rime to recruit from outside so all the present changes will be internal. It is known, however, that he has already tal.co. the initial steps to "head-hunt" at least two senior manugers to reinforce the existing mon-agement structure at Leyland

Government will boost | Call to CBI for cut to **BSC** borrowing powers to meet crisis

By George Clark Political Correspondent

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Mr Varley, Secretary of State
for Industry, indicated to
Labour MPs from steel constituencies last night that the
Government would introduce a
Bill this parliamentary session
to increase the borrowing
powers of the British Steel Corporation to enable it to meet
the present crisis. Losses this
year may exceed £500m.
The Bill will be produced in
the new year, but before Parliament adjourns for the Christmas
recess Mr Varley hopes to have

ment adjourns for the Christmas recess Mr Varley hopes to have Cabinet endorsement for a statement which will specify those sections of the industry which have to be closed in the interests of more efficient and competitive production: It is expected that the closure

It is expected then the closure of old plant will mean the reduction of the workers, and the 20 or so Labour MPs who attended lest night's meeting seemed to concede Mr Varley's argument that, because the world steelmaking capacity so much exceeds demand, there

income tax to a top level of 50 per cent was led at the Confederation of British Industry's had to be a cut in true British industry to enable the more first conference in Briginton by Mr Michael Edwardes, the new chairman of Bridsh Leyland. The CBI council is to conefficient sectors to survive.

The main questions all MPs asked: "here is the axe to fail?

And will the Government make sider adopting this target as policy at its next meeting later this month. proper preparations for the sudden loss of employment which will have severe effects on the life of steel-waking communities?"

Mr Variey was unable to suswer. He said that talks with the unions and the corporation "There is no other single action that a Chancellor could take that would so simply and dramatically unleash the energy of the nation, encourage savings, create jobs, and harness the skill and talent of this great the skill and talent of this great that of the special from the short floor to were continuing and no conclu

sions had yet been reached. He did not expect to be able to announce the decision soon. Most MPs not the impression that it would come just before the Christmas recess. Generous reading description would be redundancy terms would be offered.
The minister confirmed that

loans made available for capital sependiture were now being used for current spending, including wages. But he emphasixed that it was not a financial crisis that now afflicted the in-dustry; it was industrial. The demand was not there. It was a worldwide affliction.

emberrassing confrontation of the sort that characterized the

last such round of talks early

Voluntary redundancies in some plants on the "generous" terms suggested by BSC, but any accelerated rundoyn of the Beswick plants at present kept

Beswick plants at present kept open in development areas by government instructions will be

Cost of profitable state steel spelt out to unions

The British Steel Corporation last night signposted the way to a profiteble state steel industry, but at a cost in lost jobs and plant closures that the unions will elmost certainly find

Mr Bob Scholey, chief executive of BSC, said in four hours of raiks with the executive of the Iron and Steel Trades Control that the industry could not containt on in present downward financial spirei.

Executives told the union's leaders that the industry could move back into profitability if the current depleted order book was loss-making plant to modern, low-cost capacity, and if plants providing jobs rather than steel products were sbut

prising move Mr Frank Jungers is retiring as chairman and chief executive officer of Arabian American Oil Co, the world's biggest oil producer, on

January 1.

Mr John J. Kelberer.

Aramco's senior vice-president

operations, will succeed Mr Jungers. Mr R. W. Powers, the

president, will assume the addi-

Aramco chief retires at 51

New York, Nov 14.—In a surtional duties of vice-chairman, prising move Mr Frank Jungers a new position. All three ments retiring as chairman and are 51.

The unions are also throwing much of the blame on the formicial accountancy of British Steel. of BSC's More denils

economy proposals came out during last night's talks. New investment will be severely curtained. There will be so new plate mill, and the provision of electric arc furnaces at Hunters British Steel is seeking the ton and Shelton is also being cooperation of the unions rather abandooed.

Aramco, which accounts for the bulk of Saudi Arabia's oil output, is owned by Exxon. Texaco, Mobil and Standard Oil

of California. The Saudi Gov-ernment owns 60 per cent of

Aramco's producing assets, and a full government takeover is

stake for BP in Australia . British Petroleum is to myest

cent by 1979 to 1980.

£21m coal

A535m (about £21.6m) for a 50 per cent stake in the Clarence co. mine in New South Wales, Australia, in partnership with Oakbridge (which was formerly Sloter Walker Australia).

Production is due to begin in 1979 and the cash injection will allow naximum output of 2 million tonnes a year to be brought forward to 1982. The deal is subject to the approval of both the federal and state governments. Financial Editor, page 21

Dollar falls again

The dollar closed in London at 245 yen yesterday, after falling to an il-time low of 244.25, at 2.246 Deutsche marks, and 2203 Swiss francs.

Sterling was unchanged from Friday at \$1.816 to the dollar and down 0.1 at 63.7 on the rate index. Rising yen; page 21

Plane may be scrapped VFW-Folker, the Dutch-West German aircraft group, bas confirmed that it would like to step production of the VFW 614 air. iner at the end of this year if its efforts to sell the aircraft vield no success.

Glazo acquisition Glaxo, the United Kingdom

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pharmaceuticals group, is to

Brussels, Nov 14.-The Euro-

pean Community has imposed an extra tariff of 15 per cent on imports from Taiwan of iron and steel threaded puts and bolts. The Commission has also started anti-dumping pro-cedures against imports from Japan of "mounted piezo elecric quartz crystal" used by the

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Six months	Six months	Year ended
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Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
£'000	£'000	5'000
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- Pre-tax profits increased by 117 per cent from £93,000 to £202,000.
- Earnings up 205 per cent at 6.4p per sharetaking into account the proposed scheme of capital reduction.
- Sales up by 11 per cent.
- Order books full.
- Improved performance due to rationalisation and upgrading of products.
- Interim dividend increased.

How the markets moved

VVISIBLE TRADE BALANCE

The Times index: 208.53-1.14 The FT index: 496.7-4.7 DUND

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Falls Erit Dredging Comm Union Durban Rood Elsburg Gold	2p to 21p 14p to 140p 29p to 30ap 9p to 10ap	Libanon Kennies Cons Royal Southvaal	26p to 412p 4p to 54p 30p to .395p 23p to 407p	France Fr Germany Dm Greece Dr Hongkong S Italy Lr Japan Yn Netherlands Gl	9.10 4.27 76.75 8.85 1630.00 470.00 id 4.60
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make its first acquisition in the United States with the £15m purchase of Meyer Laboratories, a privately-owned ethical drugs bus ness based in Florida. Financial Editor, page 21

Nuts and bolts duty

electronics industry,

EUCALYPTUS PULP MILLS LIMITED

Interim Statement

The unaudited trading results for the first half of 1977 have proved satisfactory and after taking into account relief against Portuguese taxation for investment in previous years (amounting to £96,000) the final result after taxation in fact shows a small increase. An exchange loss of £81,000 arose in respect of the 1976 dividend received in May owing to the devaluation of the escudo in February. This loss has been charged to the half year's profit and loss account.

Wood pulp prices continue to be gravely depressed owing to world over-production and recession in world economy, but the Board hope to be able to recommend a dividend equal in sterling terms to at least that of 1976. The entire dividend for the year should again consist of a single payment.

	Half-year to 30.6.77	Half-year to 30.6.76
Turnover	£5.996.553	£6,448,158
Group trading proift	£1.652,108	£2.059.065
Taxation	£437,963	£796,310
Net profit after taxation	£836,555	£804,457

Luropa,

Search for settled parities goes on

Yen holds centre stage in currency mano

On the currency front manoeuvring continues, pendi the establishment of mo settled parities. Shifts of po-tion on the present scale do n take place without some gropi in the dark-decisions a counter-decisions-nor without some disasters.

The centre of the stage is still being held by the yen which, having broken through the threshold of 250 yen to the dollar, has now risen by more than 7 per cent since the relatively stable period in August and by more than 12 per cent

since the spring.

After the British Government's hasty abandonment of its very recent decision to hold the pound at \$1.77, sterling also put on a spurt to \$1.84, but fell back again to \$1.81.

The other currencies, al-though cast in minor roles, are also rising against the dollar, ing to but more moderately and really sures. but more moderately and really only by way of reaction to events elsewhere; the Deutsche mark by some 3 per cent and the French franc by a little more than 1.5 per cent since August. The lira, on the other hand, has fluctuated little against the dollar.

The neighbor for each country and West Germany (15 per cent) and West Germany (15 per cent)

cumstances allow—of the most more slowly, at 7 per cent in judicious course in the light of Britain and are stable in West two contradictory objectives: Germany. Much the same is to combat inflation and to sus-

tain exports.

Finding the right solution is made none the easier by the need to take account of the disparate pressures from the unions, the employers and the monetary authorities. This is the debate now taking place in Reinin

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not will not help matters for suc ing as the motor industry, with it and ported cars already accounting	la ii ch

for more than 50 per cent of new vehicle registrations. new vehicle registrations, whereas it will oblige British industry to improve producti-

game is that it is essential to avoid uncontrolled lurches in either direction.

This is all the more difficult in that the western world is currently awash with the swelling tide of volatile petrodollars vainly in search of long-term investments. Hence governments' considerable problems in controlling parities and money supply. In some instances the latter can increase sharply, raising fears of inflationary pres-

The problem for each country is to make the choice—if circumstances allow—of the most judicious course in the light of Britain and are stable in West growth in the money supply is running at more than 10 per cent while inflation is still slow-ing (currently a little oer 4

By way of contrast, France has achieved an improbable conjugation of low monetary growth (5 per cent) and an in-

		T	HE ECONO	MY		
	Growth (per cent) industrial production (1)	investment (2)	Wage Increases (per cent) (1)	Budget deficil— (3, 4)	Stability trade bulanca (2.4)	Inflation rate per cent (1)
United States	4	1	8	-2.5 (-45)	-2 (-3.1)	4.5
West Germany	0	4	7	-2.9 (-35)	+2.7. (+2.8)	0
France	∸ 2	1.	~11	(-35) -1 (-16)	(-2.8)	9
Great Britain	0	8	5	-55	-0.6 (-0.1)	7
Italy :	-3	2 `	30	(-7) -9 (-1400)	+0.6 (+90)	10

Three-month average expressed as annual rate.

Estimate for 1977. Estimate for fiscal 1977-78. 4) As percentage of gnp and in national currency (000m).

	MON	IETARY A	ND FINANC	IAL EFFECTS	S	
	Interest rate (per cent)		F	oreign exchange :	ate.	
	Annual growth per cent in money supply (M1) (5)	Day to Day	Prime rate	Against the dollar (6)	Against basket of 6 currencies (7) 98.9	Change in stock exchange per cent index (8)
Dollar	10 (8)	6.6	7.75	_	(100.0)	(-15)
Deutschemark	15 (9)	4.0	5.00	2.26 (+2)	. 115.0 . (114.5)	+3' (+11)
Franc	(6)	3.6	9.30	4.85 (+0.5)	91.5 (92.2)	+3 (+17)
Pound	21' . (12)	4.0	6.00	1.81	E7.8 (86.6)	(+6C)
Lira .	(22)	11.7	. 17.00	`879 [°] (+0.5)	77.0 (77.5)	-6 (-15)

Six months moving average expressed at annual rate.

Figures in parentheses give percentage change in last month.

End December 1975=100, Figure in parentheses gives position (est month. Currencies are five listed In table plus Japanese yen.

(8) Change in previous month. Figure in parentheses gives change over previous 12 months.

flation rate stubbornly refus-ing to fall below 9 per cent, much to the surprise and chagrin of the Government.
All these examples demon-All these examples demonstrate the caution and discernment needed in judging a altuation in the light of the respective effects of foreign and domestic capital. This is particularly true of the United States were a heated controversy, not to say dispute is brewing between the Carter Administration and the still independent monetary authority em-

bodied by Dr Arthur Burns. In the eyes of the former, the current policy of mouetary restrictions which has pushed interest rates up by more than 30 per cent in a matter of a few months (prime rate is now nearly 8 per cent) is jeopardia-ing United States growth just when it is beginning to gather

some impetus.

According to the latter, the prime objective is to defeat inlation by attacking its monetary roots.
This is an important debate

It shows the extent to which disruption of the international monetary system throws governments into confusion.

The resultant dislocation is

The resultant dislocation is undermining the authorities credibility, especially in the United States, so that it is hardly surprising that Wall Street is at a low ebb with investors more reluctant than ever even though the growth rate is still perfectly respectible.

Maurice Bommensath

Ford Halewood plant again at a standstill

The £110m Ford car plant at Halewood, Liverpool, was again at a standstill yesterday and will remain so throughout the day and night shifts which have changed over on their

formightly rots.

The night shift of last week, laid off because of a strike by 21 men in the paint shop over a manning dispute, reported for duty normally yesterday and the management expected full production

But the 21 men, who are key workers, walked out again and the company had to lay off the 3,500 hourly paid men from the assembly and body stamping

plants.

Meanwhile, last week's day shift, laid off because of an unofficial strike by 200 men in

the paint shop over a discipline issue, did not operate.
Clifford Webb writes: A new realism was blowing through the motor factories and recent wage settlement gave cause for wage sentement gave cause for great encouragement, said Mr David Plastow, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, speaking at the Scottish Motor Show banquet in Glasgow last night. He said next year's International Motor Show at Birmingham would be the blugest in the 75-year history of the SMMT.

UK TRADE

The following are the October

trade figures seasonally adjusted and corrected on a balance of

25,416 28,987 -3,571

-962 -733

-361

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Office yesterday

-148 Jan -277 Feb -310 March -231 April +120

7,440 8,402 8,036 8,769 8,418 8,447

2,479 3,017 2,437 2,625 2,504 2,747

2.916 2.836

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

The following are the index

numbers for industrial production

adjusted, released by the Central

Industrial

103.7 103.4 103.5

100.3

102.7

September.

(1970=100):

1976

July

Sept p

latest three months

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r revised p provisional

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British Shipbuilders pressing Poles for agreement on £115m deal in two weeks

By Edward Townsend British Shipbuilders is increasing the pressure on the Polish authorities to reach agreement rapidly on the de-tails of Poland's £115m order for 24 ships.

Negotiators from Warsaw are likely to be in London again this week for further talks but although British Shipbuilders has stressed the need for agreement within two weeks it was reluctant yesterday to specify a date for the signing of con-

and financing are causing con-

needed.
British Shipbuilders has faced a degree of ambarrassment since the Prime Minister, announced at the Labour Party

One of the main points at cern.

Britain's hard-pressed shipyards are also keen in be making a start on the vessels and the beleaguered British Steal Corporation would walcome an early order for the large amounts of steel that will be needed.

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Corporation would walcome an elicance from the Swiss engine manufacturer Sulser and hair of the engines for the 15 smaller ships in the deal will be built in British.

Final details of the financing

Final details of the financing of the contracts depend on sort-ing out the equipment aspects.

Teheran officials cleared of sugar deal charges

Two commerce ministry under-secretaries were acquitted in Teheran yesterday on charges of causing the government a loss of more than \$30m (about £16.5m) in sugar purchases involving the British company Tate & Lyle two years ago.

A three-member tribunal said

A three-member tribunal said the defendants Hussein Alizadeh and Muhammad Ali Seyrafi, were innocent
The defendants were charged with buying 250,000 tons of sugar from the British firm at prices higher than those prevailing in the market; thereby rejuctant yesterday to specify conterence six weeks ago that already committed nearly £30m the deal would be concluded by the end of October. Executives feel that with a contract astablished earlier this year and the protracted discussions over the share-out of equipment work.

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Engineering council changes method of registration

quiry, due to start work before the end of the year, CEI has decided to switch registration

TERMS OF TRADE

The following are the unit value

index numbers for visible trade not seasonally adjusted, issued by the Department of Trade

1970 = 100

240.6 300.3 219.0 269.1

234.2 292.6 247.4 308.2

273.9 340.1 275.8 345.8 277.4 349.4

282.5 350.1

RETAIL SALES

The following are the seasonally

adjusted figures for retail sales released by the Department of

Percentage change latest 3 months on Sales by previous 3 years

+1.5

-11.8 -14.0 -12.7

+10.9 +11.6 +5.4

volume 1970 = 100

Jan Feb March April May June

Sept 106.2 Oct p 106.0

282.8 352.7 80.2 283.9 354.4 80.1 289.4 351.2 82.4

291.8 350.0 83.4

Exports Imports Trade*

162.7 218.0 75.6 198.5 246.1 80.7

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336,7 81.0

yesterday:

1975

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1977

The other main option on

12 more alleged

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price-fixing

The new chartered engineers section will be open only to those engineers who are members of the 16 organizations

By Derek Harris

The Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI), at the centre of the controversy over the organizations of the engineers section of the setting up of the Finniston inquiry, is changing its system for the registration of chartered engineers.

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Ahead of the Finniston inquiry, due to start work before the end of the year, CEI has decided to switch registration. The own standing committed to the likely to be put to the inquiry is for the Government to set up a statutory registration best up a statutory registration of nuclear engineers and high-system.

B. the new move would appear to do little in practical terms to make it easier for any professional engineer, whatever the sumbty of the CEI with the CEI, with the CEI, with the condition of the centre of the controversy over the inquiry is for the Government to cell outly is for the Government to cell outly is for the Government to duity is for the Government to cell outly is for the Government to cell outly is for the Government to cell outly is for the Government to duity is for the Government to cell outly is for the Government to duity is for the Government to duity is for the Government to cell outly is for the Government to duity is for the fourly is for the neutly profession.

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TUC critical of energy

By Our Technology Correspondent

A further 12 alleged price-fixing agreements in the ready-mixed concrete industry were yesterday placed on the register of restrictive practices by Mr Gordon Borrie, Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading. The total registered now stands at 85. More are expected.

Mr Borrie has said that he

intends to take all such cases to the Restrictive Practices Court.

Yesterday's additions to the register show that the alleged price-fixing agreements extend to the North-west. The 12 areas referred to were: Colchester, Chelmsford and Ipswich; Bacup, Cheimstord and toswich; Bacup,
Colne, Blackburn and Accrington; Leeds; Wellingborough;
Daventry; Liverpool; Manchester; Abergele; Hereford;
Burton on Trent; Leominster
and Ludlow, and Derby.

Home-building revival Further evidence of a gradual recovery in the demand for new private housing is provided in the latest state-of-trade inquiry by the House-Builders' Federa-tion. More than a third of respondents report improving demand, while only 13 per cent say demand is worse. The un-certain economic climate re-

mains the chief factor limiting

demand though the inquiry shows signs that the tide may

Short-time pay rise

A draft Order laid before the Commons yesterday proposes that from February 1, 1978 the limit on the amount of guarantee payment made to workers on short-time or temporary layoff will be raised from £6 to £6.60 a day. The limit on the weekly amount covered by the insolvency provisions of the Employment Protection Act for such things as arrears of pay or similar payments will also be increased, from £80 to £100.

growth estimates be converted into a useful form.

The Trades Union Congress,

in a statement to the Govern-ment's Energy Commission says that the growth estimates assumed by the Department of Energy in its future planning If North Sea oil resources are

used wisely, the TUC argues, the economy should be able to grow at a faster rate in the next 20 years than in the past 20 years, and it would be wrong to plan on the basis of demand forecasts below the range of 540-550 million tons of coal enterpolarity.

Decisions are needed now on

both these problems if supply and demand are to be matched in the 1990s.

Part of the revenue from off-shore oil should be used to finance a research and development programme on alternative.

ment programme on alternative power and solar power, the TUC says. These revenues should also be used to finance investment in the coal and nuclear industries.

to plan on the basis of demand forecasts below the range of 540-560 million tons of coal equivalent.

The problem of closing the energy gap is not just one of boosting energy supplies, the TUC says; it is also one of deriving new technologies so that available primary energy can

17 companies have signed BNOC participation pacts

with 17 North Sea Oil comoutput, it was disclosed in the Commons yesterday.

The latest total, higher than

had previously been publicized was given by Dr Mabon, Minister of State for Energy. The list includes Ashland Oil and Deminex, which operate the Thistle field, Occidental (Piper and Claymore) Santa Fe (Thistle) and Union group (Heather). The BNOC has also signed

outline agreements with a fur-ther 24 North Sea companies and is now negotiating final participation deals.

It is also believed that the corporation is in the last stages of negotiating final agreements

Final participation agree with the Shell/Esso group, ments have now been signed once the most vigorous opponents of the Government's policy panies, giving the British
National Oil Corporation the
right to purchase 51 per cent of
output, it was disclosed in the agreement by the BNOC that it would sell back to the companies, at the price it pays, sufficient North Sea crude to support their United Kingdom refining. This will give the Gov ernment rights over almost all the North Sea's oilfields. Dr Mabon also announced

yesterday that exports of North Sea crude in the 12 months ending September 30 were nearly 13 million tons, representing almost 40 per cent of production and valued at £750m. Total oil output in the period was 32 mallion connes, 60 per cent of which went to

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

ployment Protection Act.

Francis & Lewis Ltd,

Gloucestershire.

Fairview Road, Cheltenbam, GL52 2EW.

From Mr C. F. C. Simeons

Sir, Mr Mordsley claims (November 7) that it is not

the Employment Protection

Act which is inhibiting inde-

2) cited. Could be tell us in which

countries legislation is so framed that for rights

A 'catalogue of injustices'

From Mr W. G. Francis Sir, If Mr Mordsley (November 7) is not aware of the injustices of the Employment Protection Act then I can only conclude that his School of Business Studies has not devoted much time to small businesses. Yours faithfully, W. G. FRANCIS,

Regrettably the catalogue of injustices, anomalies and plain bureaucratic stupidity is of such size that it would be unreasonable to expect it to be listed within your columns. However, I have but to quote one example in order to illustrate the inhibiting nature of the Employment Protection Act. If an employer is summoned to appear before the tribunal he is required to prove his innocence. This is Act which is inhibiting inde-entirely contrary to the normal pendent companies from tak-concept of British justice. Fur-ing on more people because thermore, he has no protection at all should he become involved in frivolous or malicious which Mr Francis (November

I would emphasize that we in the independent company sec-tor do not seek to have the Act repealed but to have it amended where the provisions are clearly counter-productive.
There are, of course, many other to the employer; where condi-

Siting of Channel Tunnel alternative scheme for a "cail

only "tunnel had this been out forward. Ironically, such an alternative would have been even more in the interests of the railway protagonists who, however; gave their support to the Government proposal, see-Sir, May I be permitted to add some relevant facts to the report by Mr Derek Harris (The Times, October 26, 1977) on the prospect of EEC fund-ing for the Channel Tannel? "Some environmentalists" ing it as offering at least some prospect of an increase in rail

he says, "have questioned whether a new high-speed red link between London and theriton, designed to take continental-size rolling stock, would not be a lesser evil than the unchecked growth of heavy lorry traffic through the south

What he does not say is that this is the view of environmenthis is the view of environmentalists who represent the rall lobby. When British Rall reld public meetings to explain their proposals for the rall link, many other environmentalists who had the interests of rural Kent at heart voiced the view that the road/rail terminal at Cheriton would have the opposite effect and inevitably increase the volume of both lorry and private car both lorry and private car traffic on roads that are not designed to cope with it.

Cheriton, for the information of readers who do not know the area, is close to Folkestone in the axtreme south-east corner of Kent. To reach the terminal much of the motor traffic would need to cross most of the county, which has no west-east trunk roads other no west-east trunk roads other than the proposed M25 in the

Those who opposed the concept of the Cheriton terminal, which was an integral and immutable part of the Anglo-French agreement, would, I believe, have not resisted an

Consumerism in the EEC

From Mr A. Dumont
Sir, As the chairman and then vice chairman of the Consumer Consultative Committee to the EEC for the last four years, I wary much welcome Michael Shanks' article of November 1.

Much has been done in the that they can effectively voice their needs.

Wital Director of Consumer Questioning Monopolies and some way must be found in the Community, as in each country, of supporting them so that they can effectively voice their needs.

Sir, How long ago their needs.

When the Agricultural Commissioner in Brussels and the British Minister of Agriculture and Food in London ask last four years since the United Kingdom joined the European Community to advance the consumer cause,

and the present Commission certainly speaks in support of a much greater participation by consumers in decisions affecting their welfare, which in the and means nearly every field of the Community's acti-

vities.

Bur although the words have been fine, deeds have not matched them. Insufficient resources have been made available, insufficient staff are being provided, and owing to the Byzantine complexities of the Commission's civil service, no one has even been appointed to replace the invaluable Mr John Braun, who left last December, and the

posed by consumers them-selves, one realizes what can be done to get a fairer system of looking after the real needs of the citizens of the European Community, But with greater resources and continuing support from all political parties there is very much more that could be achieved to produce a more civilized community of European peoples.
ANTHONY DUMONT,

consumers for their support in

reforming the common agricul-tural policy on the lines pro-

areas. ROGER COOMBS,

areas of legislation, especially taxation, which can be held to be partially responsible for the current low level of employtions imposed by bodies which are clearly not independent can be forced upon an employer without right appeal; where trades unions alone have the right to appoint representatives to safety committees (Health and Safety at ment but in my original letter I deliberately confined my ob-servations to the permicious Em-Work).

True, this is only one of thepieces of legislation detering running independent mies from taking on companies from taking on more people, but it is surely, the catalyst which is expected to inspire an anticipated 100,000 people to appeal to tribunals next year against unfeit dismissal when statistics clearly show that a very large percentage are likely to fail. If the Act isn't a motivating force could Mr Mordsley tell us what is? Yours faithfully,

CHARLES SIMEONS, Chairman Central Government Committee. Companies, 21 Ludlow Avenue, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 3RW. November 7.

Who pays for the taxman's

errors? From Mr I. M. Leslie prospect of an increase in ran freight traffic.

Mr Harris explains that the concept of EEC funding for the tunnel has arisen because it is now realized that other countries in Europe "could benefit from the tunnel". Just so, When the debate in Britain and the proponents its height proponents. Sir, Recently I received from my tax accountant a bill for nearly £100 for work done on my behalf in appealing against; (a) an inaccurate notice of a coding, (b) an incorrect capitals gains assessment which had attracted an overpayment and was at its height proponents argued that the tunnel would help our exports—as though it on the inspectors' part in assesshelp our exports—as though it favoured one-way traffic.

Economically, however, the tunnel 's not neutral. Its reographical position would favour the factories and warehouses of north-east France, whether French or multinational, rather than those in our more distant industrial regions. I am assured (but not by the Inland Revenue) will result in

horrom of the market to satisfy the original inoccurate demands, the distant prospect of refund loses some of its charm. The accountant, replying to a latter in which I acknowledged more distant industrial regions.
This indeed, by no coincidence, is the very argument put forward in a whole-page advertisement placed by the Region Nord-Pas-de-Calvis in the same the reasonableness of his account but asked whether it should not be claimed as a reasonable expense on my next return, tells me there are no provisions in the Finance Acts under which accountants' fees Nord-Pas-de-Calais in the same issue of your newspaper. This advertisement is, in effect, an invitation to industrialists to locate their factories and depots at the gateway to England, but not in England itself. To whose advantage? The region is pearer, via the tunnel, to our richest markets than British factories in our own industrial development areas.

can be allowed which arise through official error. This sad little tele cannot be unique, and there may be others who will agree with me that the Inland Revenue either improves its efficiency or else allows the fees of the bighly necessary "watchdog" over one's affairs to be set against income. Yours faithfully.

IAN M. LESLIE

Ouestioning the Commission role Rank

From Mr P. Tarrant-Willis Monopolles Commission asked—
Monopolles Commission asked—
what do you stand for? Is—
it to protect the public against—
conspiracies to charge high—
costs, or has it become yet another arm of the soverment in other arm of the government in power, and a sign of that power? I ask this question because

I am not sure that the public are getting better value for money following the Commission's investigation of estate agents selling fees, solicitors conveyancing fees, and may well not gain anything overall from the investigation now into surveyors' fees. Yours faithfully.

PETER TARRANT-WILLIS, 20 St Ann's Villas, Royal Crescent, London W11.

Tesco chooses £6m IBM system

c/o Consumer Association, 14 Buckingham Street, London, WC2N 6DS.

A major change from ICL to IBM has been announced by Tesco Stores with the decision to acquire £6m worth of computer equipment, including Model 3032 and 3031 proces-At present Tesco operates one ICL 2903 and three ICL 1904S computers and a Com-puter Automation Syra mini-

omputer.

Mr Leslie Porter, Tesco chairman, announced the order yesterday, describing it as the largest single capital investment ever made by the company.

"Its magnitude", he said,
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"Its magnitude", he said, "reflects the importance which Tesco attaches to its requirement for advanced and sophis-

tion and data-processing systems.
"We have thoroughly assessed out needs into the 1980s and are confident IBM's equipment is the best available to handle successfully our anti-cipated expansion."

ticated management informa-

The choice of equipment had followed a searching evaluation over the past two years, involving seven computer manufacturers, Mr Donald Harris, a Tesco director, said. "The Tesco plans for data-

processing necessitate the use of very large files, mostly assowith the automatic replenishment systems cur-rently under development for out 700 stores", Mr Harris commented. "These and other system requirements will place storage load on the computer in excess of 100,000 million

storage, the order includes a vous system, and the implica-

Computer news

sors, from the latter company. 3032 processor, a 3031 processor, disc storage, two laser prin-ters and 200 visual display units and associated terminals. De-livery is planned for summer 1978 at the company's head office at Cheshunt, Hertford-

Easier interconnexions to give range of distributed computing systems have been an-nounced by Hewlett-Packard. They involve the company's HP3000 business minicomputer, HP1000 manufacturing and rechnical minicomputer, and HP2000 data-entry and communications terminals.

For the user, and in particu-lar the large manufacturing company, software and hardware developments are aimed at flexibility (in the number of possible network layouts) and comprehensiveness (combining business systems, manufacturing systems and connexion to the central maintrame computer at company headquarters).

quarters).

Announcing the new systems in Grenoble last week, Mr Derek Smorthit, manager of Hewlett-Packard's United Kingdom computer group, said:

"The data-processing facilities of large modern organizations have become attractly their nerin excess of 100,000 milion bytes.

"A significant proportion of this data is required to be on line. IBM's 3850 mass storage made and how control is apsystem efficiently handles large files while also providing a random-inquiry capability."

In addition to the 3850 mass in the configuration of this ner-storage, the order includity a milion to the 3850 mass.

As the issues of decentralized control were being resolved and network software was becoming available. Mr Smorthit said controller functions were moving away from central head quarters. HP products would be able to be used in both central ized and decentralized networks, and in mixed installations together with other companies

systems.

Hewlett-Packard's distributed systems network philosophy was based on the principle that functions were "layered", or isolated from one another, so that future developments could, be added while holding inact. the existing procedures.

The principle of a distributed

systems scheme already applied to HP3000 computers was now being extended to HP1000s. Under this scheme, the user of any machine in the network could gain access to files in any-other machine in the same ner-work; could trensfer files between them using simple; high-level commands; could schedule and develop programs on the other machines and use their peripherals.

their peripherals.

Among examples of ways in which the distributed systems can be applied, Hewlett-Packard quotes a simple "star" network to improve the efficiency of a single department; a modernlinked "ring" network to connect regional distribution connect; a gaographically dispersed network to monitor and five control oil production (such a system has been installed for a major United States oil com y pany); and a major United States oil com y peny) and a multi-level net.

work to coordinate a maniferation operation.

Kenneth Ower

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

CU asks for more

Commercial Union's £73.8m rights issue will be particularly unsettling for insurance company shares because the stock market has only just begun to get over the profound distaste for the sector which had made it one of the worst performers of the preceding 18 months. That distaste stemmed from the difficulties of absorbing a huge volume of insurance company paper, resulting from a variety of rights issues and takeovers, and the feeling that, like the painting of the Forth Bridge, the demands for new capital in the sector would recommence as soon as the previous round was complete. Latterly CU had itself done much to

settle market nerves, its policy of holding back premium income growth, combined with the shedding of the Austrian and German businesses, suggesting that it might not after all have to seek further equity. It was only in March, after all, that it raised £42m by acquiring Estates House Investment Trust, and retained profit has been rising strongly. The sense of disillusionment now will be all the deeper for the misplaced optimism. Next year will see the peaking of the insurance cycle, and the cynics will again be asking whether, since capital is still being raised at this stage, the 1979 downturn will be marked by yet another bout of fund raising.

Unless things go badly wrong, CU itself should be comfortable for four or five years, but its issue has left Royal looking seriously exposed. Previously CU's solvency margin



Sir Francis Sandilands, chairman of Commercial

was 40 per cent and Royal's only slightly nigher. The industry average, however, was nore like 50 per cent, and with this rights issue under its belt, plus another £70m from transfer of deferred tax to reserves, CU has now moved up to 52 per cent.

So in the near term the sector is left with wo problems. In the first place it will have n absorb CU's issue which could take nonths. Then it will have to carry the conviction that, sooner or later, Royal will ollow with an issue of at least a similar ite. Against this kind of background it is ard to see CU's burgeoning profits-.66.7m at the nine month stage against £28m ast year, within which underwriting losses re down from £49.8m to £21.6m—baving tuch impact on the shares despite a prosective ex-rights yield of almost 84 per cent

learers

A clash with he Bank

hat the clearing banks should consider it orth getting on the wrong side of the Bank f England for the seemingly trivial reason f wanting to charge fully if the Bank takes more use of their clearing house recilities is eloquent testament of the fix re clearers are now in on their domestic anking operations.

Admittedly the clearing house is not cheap run but the actual sums likely to be evolved certainly will not make the carers rich. It seems to mean, then, that ter a long period when good profitability isewhere allowed them to ignore the costs ivolved in providing a plethora of free serices clearers are having to look under every one on the principle that every little helps. There have been a growing number of inters this year, Barclays' admission on riday that it was looking at the whole strucare of its branch network being just the test. The large branch network that grew in good times cannot be justified on onomic grounds when interest rates are so low and competition from alternative financial institutions like the building societies is luring away depositors in droves.

While the other clearers are keeping quiet about their future plans for their branch networks, it is inconceivable that they are not also looking closely at the structure. The stumbling block is, of course, is that the banks are now much more highly unionized groups and it is equally inconceivable that the unions would allow the banks a smooth ride on rationalization of branches.

Also implicit in the clearers' attitude to any attempt by the Bank of England to move into commercial banking is, apart from the philosophical objections, concern that this is yet another sign of mounting competitive pressures in the whole banking arena. Already there is some political suasion for government agencies to use non-commercial financial institutions like Giro while the Labour Party plans for a state bank is another step along this road.

Buying in America

Glaxo's

Although much smaller, Glaxo's intended £15m acquisition of Meyer Laboratories of Florida looks uncannily like a replay of Beecham's £48m purchase of the Calgon con-sumer products business earlier in the year. As with the Beecham acquisition, the Glazo deal was not what the market had expected and failed to bring with it the hoped-for increase in dividend.

Beecham later used the Calgon acquisition indirectly to gain Treasury agreement for a 200 per cent dividend increase to assist m the issue of a £17m dollar-convertible bond. Perhaps Glazo will play the same card. It will not complete until next year by which time it may wish to increase its investment further by building a new plant or suchlike which would provide a useful excuse for financing on other than the run-of-the-mill overseas borrowings, providing the excuse for a dividend increase.

But it all seems a complicated business to go through if Glaxo really wanted to raise dividends and looks more like a backstop should limitations not be lifted, as everyone expects they will be, in under a year.

Claro has achieved the presence in the United States, which it wanted, without picking up any proprietary drugs, which it has steered clear of in the past, at 15 times earnings. Its intentions have been known for some time, and it is hardly coincidence that Bayer, Nestlé, Beecham and Boots should all find the United States pharmaceutical market, peculiarly attractive at the same time.

The market's disappointment, however, was shown by a further 8p drop in the shares to 595p, where the yield is still only 2.6

 BP seems to be paying quite a high price for a 50 per cent stake in the Clarence coal deposit in New South Wales: it is putting up A\$35m of the A\$43m needed to develop the mine and Oakbridge's subsidiary. Coalex, will get the first A\$1m of net revenue for six years from the time the venture first pro-

of producing 20 million tonnes of coal a year worldwide (with other developments in Australia, Canada and South Africa under way, Clarence brings it half way to target), it also recognizes the political realities of the present international energy situation. Multinationals are out of favour in Australia and coal is a touchy subject (the Conzinc Riotinto of Australia foint bid for Coal and Allied Industries—currently frozen—did not improve the atmosphere) and thus BP has to be seen to be playing

The deal is subject to the approval of the Federal and state governments. New South Wales favours a minimum 51 per cent local ownership of natural resources and is due to produce new guidelines shortly, but Oak-bridge and BP hope that the plans will pass

Clarence will bring to £170m the amount BP has invested in coal in three continents over the past few years. Like other oil majors it has been diversifying its base in the post energy crisis era, even if it was initially slower off the mark than most. Last year it set up a minerals department and has joined a deep sea mining

The Scotland Bill started its second reading in Parliament yesterday. Bryan Lovell here examines the nationalists' claim to the country's energy resources

When independence runs out of energy

why should we tolerate continu-

unhelpful to link these in the public mind with a selective and reserves of oil and natural good distorted view of the natural is wide, and there has been an resources simply because one animated public debate between Professor Peter Odell, of Erashas a temporary surplus of a desirable resource such as oil.

This is not only a selfish action in a world where most people are still far worse off than the people of Scotland. It is also a dangerously short-sighted view that prejudices the best hope of long-term prosper-ity for the people of Scotland itself. In short, the nationa-lists, being arranges, it flowed lists' basic argument is flawed. Take first the case of coal. Scotland produces about 10 per cent of the United Kingdom annual total production of about annual total production of about 100 million tons, but it is responsible for a disproportionately large part of the National Coal Board's losses and possesses only a few per cent of the NCB's class 1 reserves.

In an independent Scotland many pits could only operate with large subsidies, or import controls, to protect them against cheaper coal from, say, York-shire, or possibly later, Belvoir and Oxfordshire. Writing off reserves by pit

claiming in its latest literature practice in the long-term, when that Scotland has "enough coal coal is expected to offset to for 1,000 years" and "enough oil to provide £1,800m to a Scot-production. So at least part of tish Treasury for 60 years" so the oil revenues will have to be set aside with this in mind.

set aside with this in mind.

Scotland?

No one doubts the urgency of the social and industrial problems facing Scotland, but it is unhelpful to link these in the public mind with a selective and mus University, Rotterdam, who is a consultant to the British Department of Energy (higher estimates), and Professor Arthur Whiteman, of Aberdeen University (lower artimeters)

> Most estimates support Pro-fessor Whiteman rather than Professor Odell; it seems likely that there may be between 20,000 million to 30,000 million barrels (roughly 3,000 to 4,000 million tons) of oil that can be extracted economically from rocks beneath the United Kingdom sector of the northern North Sea.

Kingdom sector. There is no agreement in existence or agreement in capacition or remotely in prospect that says how the North Sea could be divided into Scottish and Eng-lish sectors. The division on an lish sectors. The division on an east-west line from Berwick is for three specific matters only: the application of civil and criminal law, of the 1949 Wireless Telegraphy Act, and of the

The Scottish National Party is closures could be a dangerous 1960 Radioactive Substances claiming in its latest literature practice in the long-term, when Act and for nothing else, that Scotland has enough coal coal is expected to offset to So, if Scotland becomes independent, how is the oil and gas in the United Kingdom sector to be divided up?

Oil exploration and produc-tion in the United Kingdom sector are the business of international companies and international finance, negotiating with a unified British state. It is this international dimension that is crucial.

In terms of present United Kingdom oil consumption of about 100 million tons a year, 4,000 million tons of North Ses oil looks like a healthy amount; in terms of Scottish consumption it is a very healthy amount. But in terms of the world's annual consumption of about 3,000 million tons it is less im-It is viral to look at North

Sea oil in perspective. Here are reserves that look very large in relation to Scotland's own consumption, yet form perhaps only 2 to 3 per cent of world reserves. The international oil reserves. The international of companies take a world view, and their view has to be respected. They are the people who have the expertise and access to capital needed to exploit North Sea oil, and they will strive to produce oil from the fields at a rate and in a fashion that suits them.

Taking a long and ideal view.

Taking a long and ideal view, North Sea oil is something to be jealously conserved as a vital feedstock for the chemical industry, and for essential uses in internal combustion engines;

it is certainly not a resource to be squandered on widespread use of private cars and the generation of electricity. In so far as the nationalists wish to conserve oil with this in mind, the policy is admirable.

But surely it is unrealistic to pretend that the present trend towards the rapid build-up in production for international markets from the North Sea fields could be reversed to such an extent that an independent Scotland would have vast oil revenues well into the middle

of next century. There may of course, be dis-coveries of major new fields on the continental shelf to the north and west of Scotland, or in deeper water in the Rockall area, but one cannot plan for independence on the strength of such a host of geological, political, legal and financial uncertainties.

What then should be the policy? It must first of all recognize that, short of important new discoveries, a replacement for oil both as a source of revenue and as a source of energy will have to be found before the end of the century. To a large extent "energy" and "revenue" are synonymous; it is after all energy that under-pins virtually all of man's acti-vities including the most funda-mental such as modern agricul-

So the first call on the oil revenues, as was repeatedly stressed in the recent series of articles in The Scotsman (" The oil option"), is to find and

effective exchange rate

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develop substitutes for oil as a source of energy.

Coal is just one possibility. Others include nuclear power, solar power, wind power, wave power and tidal power. Allied with all of those are schemes for conserving energy in home and industry alike, and for in-troducing alternative technologies that are le, s greedy in their demands for energy.

Debate, research and development in those fields is internutional in scope. Many of the alternatives are capital-intengive; nearly all require a high erel of technical expertise at least at the stage of planning and development. At the moment Britain, within Europe and beyond, is heavily involved in research into these possibilir. s. Scientists working in Scot-tish laboratories are involved in some of these cooperative programmes; one example is research into wave energy at the University of Edinburgh.

All the trends are towards a in the search for answers to these vital problems, rather than a retreat into nationalism. For aanonalism in this increasingly energy-hungry part of the mentieth century does not spell freedom, but the opposite. or Scotland to choose of a present surplus of oil withwould be folly.

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Caroline Atkinson

Rising yen still leaves Japan unbalanced

By any standards the Japanese now have a "fundamental disequilibrium " in their balance of payments.

The current account, first forecast by the government to be in deficit of \$700m (£385m) this financial year, recently revised to a surplus of \$6,500m. is now commanly expected by outsiders (who have been extremely sceptical of the official forecasts throughout) to reach \$14,000m. In the first six mouths of the year alone is totalled \$5,585m.

stort-term yen outflows, this has been nothing like enough to counteract the current surplus.

Medicine

disequilibria change in the exchange rate.

Minister, is now negently con-sidering measures to boost im-

Cabinet meeting over last weekend the Government is thought to have agreed to tariff cuts and a wide range of goods.

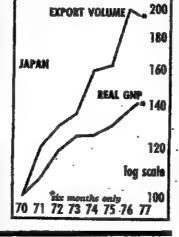
There are already many direct resulctions on exports under proliferating orderly market arrangements" which lapanese exporters often prefer to a dearer yen or open, uni-laterally imposed, protection.

The success of this mixture of traditional economic and ad hoc measures to balance the balance of payments depends crucially on the adaptability of the Japanese economy.

The present unwillingness or inability to import foreign manufactures and—to a lesser extent—foodstuffs, springs from two essentials of Japan's economic unic survictore.

There is a gulf between the less efficient more slowly growing domestic sector of the economy, which is virtually closed to foreign competition, and the dynamic export sector. It is preserved through the dominance and power of the big industrial and assignificant big industrial and agricultural interests, which enjoy captive home markets and are extremely good at penetrating the more open markets of the West.

Added to this the tight conversed on the west of the west. tributions from food and raw trol exerted on the value of the yen, until this year, has kept it typically undervalued increas-



Although capital movements have been liberalized, and interest rates cut, with a consequent step up in both long and

However, Japan has this year been forced to take a very large dose of the traditional medicine for curing balance of

change in the exchange rate.

In the past six months the yen has appreciated by nearly 13 per cent against the United States dollar, and by scarcely less than this in effective terms. Since November last year the rise has been even larger at just under 20 per cent against the dollar and 21 per cent of the trade effective rate. rate. However, while Japanese

however, while Japanese businessmen are already beginning to worry seriously about the effect of this appreciation on their exports, Japan's western trading partners are calling for still more action to cut the surplus.

Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime Minister is your payently con-

aidering measures to boost imports directly. Those which have
been announced so far have
done little to placate the manufacturers in America and
Europe who are most angry
about the Japanese surplus
(they are in the direct line of
Japanes export drive.

However, at an emergency

ing Japanese export competitiveness. Thus foreign goods are rare luxuries for the Japanese consumer while Japanese expertise and efficient production is quickly available abroad.

Secondly, Japan's economy has developed through the manufacture and export of previously imported raw materials. Last year oil and other mineral fuel imports accounted for 43 per cent of the total import bill. Other raw materi-

als took a further 20 per cent. and food, drink and tobacco nearly 15 per cent. Chemicals (which are usually imported semi-finished for industrial use) and other manufacturers accounted for 15 per cent while only 6 per cent of the \$65,000m total was spent on

machinery and transport equipstark contrast. Over half of Japan's overseas sales were fin-ished manufectures of machinery and other transport equip-ment. Chemicals and other transport equipment. Chemicals and other manufacturers earned a further 43 per cent of the total, with miniscula con-

material exports.

The sense of vulnerability which has come from this reliance on imported raw materials, and the need to sell skill and hard are the need to sell skill and the need

and the need to sell skill and hard work overseas is had for a westerner to understand. It was exacerbated by the oil price rise (which hic Japan much harder than any of the other developed oil consumers) and persists despite the huge payments surpluses now built up and the rapid accumulation of reserves, which now stand at \$19,500m.

Exports growth

Nevertheless, Japan has been forced to recognize this year that it cannot continue to grow on the back o fexports, helped by an undervalued yen, while insulating the home market from imports. The yen is still being pushed up against the dollar—it closed at 245 yen last night—although most people agree that further rises will not do much to even out the

agree that further rises will not do much to even out the balance of payments.

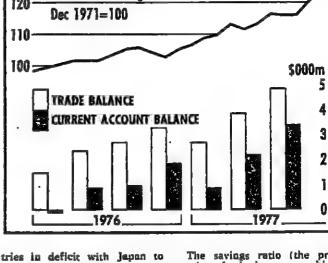
The firs reffect of a currency appreciation is to swell the current surplus: less of the domestic currency is needed to buy the same amount of imports and more foreign currency is earned from the sale of the same amount of exports, so the balance of payents improves. This is the inverse of the "J" curve, better known to British readers, which comes with a devaluation.

The Japanese are now beginning to explain away the continued growth in their surplus on these grounds, and to argue

on these grounds, and to argue that their western critics should be patient and give the appreciation time to work.

There is some evidence for this. While exports shot up by more than 18 per cent in dollar terms between the summer. ler terms between the summer of 1976 and 1977, their yen value rose by only 8½ per cent and their volume by 7.2 per cent. This looks less reasonable, however, when compared with a 11 per cent fall in inport volumes during the year. It is obviously unreasonable (and economically makes no

sense) for the western coun-



insist on reaching balance. given langu's need to buy raw materials from other countries. However, the Japanese can now afford to buy more from everybody, and it is foolish for them to insist on salting away the earnings rather using them to achieve a better standard of living.

dearer yen will be to slow down growth and increase unemployment as first profits and then sales of exporting industries are squeezed. The stranglebold of Japanese

big business on the home market and the virtual impossi-bility for foreign manufacturers of getting through the inefficient distribution sector to the Japanese consumer make it extremely doubtful that Japan will significantly increase imports from the industrialized West.

Balanced payments at a lower level of activity will help inter-national financial stability but will not provide more jobs or faster growth in the world. The Government is addi-

tionally hamstrung in its attempts to boost domestic demand by the strict limits on its fiscal deficit—so that extra spending has to be financed by "deficit" bonds which must be approved in Parliament—and by the caution of Japanese con-

The savings ratio (the pr portion of take home pay which is saved rather than spent) has is saved rather than spent) has risen from an already high 19 per cent average in the 1960s and early 1970s to around 25 per cent now. This limits the effect of any increases in income on spending and output. One way to cut the balance of payments surplus and relieve further pressure on the yen, while not liberalizing the dom-It is unfortunately conceivestic market, is to encourage able that the main effect of a capital outflows. The sharp cut a growing move to interna-tionalize the yen, with yen-dom-inated bond issues, go some way in this direction.

Long-term capital outflows in August and September totalled nearly \$1,000m. Spending abroad in direct investment by Japanese companies is also an alternative way of using up the foreign exchange earned through exports.

These measures are unlikely to be enough to close the pay-ments gap. Japan is siready looking over its shoulder at the fast growing manufacturing capacity of the South Koreans, and other less developed economies.

This year's rapid rise in the yen has brought much nearer the need for Japan to adjust from a low-wage, labour intensive economy to a high-wage consumer society. It is to be include greater freedom for consumers to buy foreign

Business Diary: The CBI goes 'Consensical'

oss Davies, Business Diary's litor, is in Brighton for the est annual conference of the Here is his report.

The conference got off to a sky start on Sunday after-on—the day before public nsiness began—when the presi-nt, Lord Warkinson, turned here to find that he couldn't t into his suite at the Metro-In theory, he and other CBI

p brass were supposed to rive at the hotel just as other big party, exhibitors d buyers amending an antique lls fair, were about to leave. In practice, however, the doll rciers, some of them ex-mely convivial souls, were il sleeping off a Saturday this dolls tea party and in to some were still holding e by lunchtime on Sunday. Lord Watkinson, former biner minister and chairman

Cadbury-Schweppes, was derstandably not amused. c afternoon's pre-conference ering was already looking a le dicey as delegates began aggling in with British Rail rror stories of two and three ur crawls from Victoria to ighton railway stations. Fravel in com pyjamas is the c of one BR brochure exhi-

ed in the conference centre n the event, however, all was il and by the time Lord Wat-uson appeared in public on nday afternoon he was even

Lord Watkinson's tribulations ttinued yesterday morning en the Metropole Hotel's

ting about the conference's me's "looking like Lenin's

on service began to crumble der the avalanche of calls

from CBI delegates for break-fast in their rooms. The presi-dent had his an hour and a quarter late.

The mayor of Brighton, Councillor Mrs Hilary Somerville, in opening the conference said that as a traditionalist she pre-ferred to be addressed as Mr Mayor. This, she explained, so mystified jareigners that at one overseas reception the Somervilles were introduced as "Mr Mayor and his charming hus-band".

Anybody at Brighton who may have covered the TUC and political party conferences earlier this year, has been asked: "What do you think of it so far?"

Every senior official from the president and the director general downwards to whom I have spoken has asked this question, and it is clear that it is prompted by anxiety rather than a desire to make small The leadership desperately

wants to achieve two possibly incompatible things with this conference. One is to appear to the public as grave, wise and moderate (I suppose the word consensus" being so much on everybody's lips here that Business Diary could be for-Business Diary could be forgiven for mining a new grab
all adjective "consensical").
The other is to give the CBI's
backwoodsmen, led by Tom
Lyon, chairman of ClamBrummer, and of the confederation's small firms committee, to let off steam without
making the confederation seem
excitable naive and extreme.
Asked by one senior official

what I thought of the confer-

ence so far, I said it all depen-ded whether a delegate got on his feet and demanded that the CBI press for the death penalty for strikers. He looked thoughtful and replied: "Mnun, well we have got some like that".

Lyon and his supporters have been effectively outmanoguared the decision pot to call for oy the decision but to call for a debate on any of the 80 or so individual motions.

One of these from the smaller firms' council, calls on the CBI to pull out of the "numerous official organizations to which

industry and commerce are asked to be a party".

But enlarging the CBI's right
to have its say in the big bad world is what, so far as Lord Watkinson and the directorgeneral John Methyen, are con-cerned the conference is all

its star these days, it seems, and there can be little doubt that yesterday's was Alf Gooding. Whether he is exactly the sort of star the platform would have chosen is another matter-Gooding, a Caerphilly builder, and maker of building products, described with more heat than light how he couldn't make ends meet on an annual salary of

£30,000 a declaration that probably wrung fewer hearts outside the conference centre than within. Gooding, who is 45, said that at the tax rates he paid (83 per cent maximum on his salary, 98 per cent on dividends) he had to make £15 to be able to buy a pint and £250 for a hairdo for Mrs. Gooding.

a pint and £250 for Mrs Gooding. Lastly, stepping back from Asked by one senior official



Photograph by John Menning about.

Alf Gooding and the £10,000 suit in Brighton yesterday.

> to the clothes he was wearing and said that they had cost him "ten thousand pounds".

One thing that is not likely to happen here is the long rumoured change of name from the Confederation of British Industry to that of the Confederation of British Business.

There ere, it is true, enough new non-industrial members from the chain store and insurafter that

The main sumbling block the lectern in a classic piece of seems to be relations with Welsh pulpit-craft, he pointed Boardman's Association seems to be relations with Tom

British Chembers of Commerce, Many ABCC member chambers are affiliated to the CBI—the Westminster Chamber of Comwestmanster Chamber of Com-merce, for example, has a num-ber of motions down this week -but the association itself remains outside, and frowns upon any renaming of the CBI which might be seen as stealing the association's clothes. Lord Watkinson rold me that

"desultory" talks had been going on between the two organizations for some time, but added that he didn't see any Mone unexpected face in Brighton this week is that of Reg Prentice, sometime Labour—and for the present at least— Conservative MP for Newham

Prentice showed up at neither the Labour nor the Tory Party conferences this year, and is in Brighton not as a member of the Tory whip's contingent, but as a delegate from a corporate

This is STC, Standard Tele-phone and Cables as was, for shom Prentice has been work ing as a consultant on "social policy" since last June. STC, part of the American con-glomerate ITT, has been shedworkers in this country partly as a response to the world depression and partly because of cutbacks in Post

Office contracts.

Prentice has blossomed out as a political commentator for the right wing fortnightly Time & Tide, having written in the present issue about the plight of the small farm, he wil be assessing the CBI conference in the next edition. of More from Brighton tomorrow.

Arbuthnot atham INTERIM REPORT

The unaudited profits for the Group for the half year ended 30th September 1977 show an increase, and an interim dividend of 3.85p per ordinary share (1976 3.5p) has been declared and will be paid on 30th December 1977 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 5th December 1977.

A. R. C. Arbuthnot Arbuthnot Latham Holdings Limited 37 Queen Street London EG4R 1BY

14th November 1977

The Board of Management of Akzo N.V. announces that on 15th November 1977 the results for the third quarter of 1977 were

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Arnhem, 15th November 1977

Concentric's growth plan spoiled by motor industry strife: trading this year good but rough

The industrial troubles of the strike torn motor industry worry engineering group and components manufacturer Con-

Disputes at British Leyland, Massey Ferguson, Ford and Lucas all took their toll and left the group short of the fore-cast £2.5m for the year to

However, on turnover up almost 33 per cent from £24.3m to £31.5m the group managed an 11 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £2.45m. So pretax margins tightened to less than 8 per cent from an artificially-high 9 per cent.

Despite the flatness of the

British economy all subsidiaries managed to increase their contribution, according to managing director Mr John Perks.

director Mr John Perks.

Recently acquired Evered
Controls, which broke even in
the first half year, made a
profit of £75,000 for the year as
a whole, in line with board
expectations, and this company
should assist growth over the



Mr Denis Dodd, chairman.

film to £3.5m but taking in products sent overseas through export houses and agents they

were more than £4m.

The bulk of Concentric's overseas sales are in EEC and European markets but the Midat few years. land conglomerate is now con-Direct exports rose, by around centrating on expanding its foot-

hold in South America. The ratio of exports to United Kingdom sales is unlikely to change much in the future although the group will continue to develop overseas markets.

Capital spending last year amounted to just under £1m. A similar amount is to be set aside this year to renlace and extend plant. Mr Perks says that the group is to review its existing assets with a view to spending around £2m and bring the fac-tories up to the level of tech-nology needed for the 1980s.

The coing since October 1 has been "good but rough" and Mr Perks warns shereholders that Concentric is going to have to run hard to stand still. Though making no specific forecast he predicts that the group should finish the year

group should finish the year with profits at least as good as those of the past 12 months.

But strikes and industrial stoppages are again likely to influence the outcome. The disputes at BOC and in the electricity industry have had some effect while the threat of a miners' strike puts a cloud on the horizon.

Recovery at Yarrow and dividend up

By Victor Felstead Now shorn of its shipbuilding side, nationalized on July 1, Glasgow-based Yarrow reports a turnround to profits at the trading level and a bigger dividend.

the market was pleased with the results and the shares fin-ished 5p up at 246p. On a rurn-over 31.9 per cent ahead at £6.81m, Yarrow made trading profits of £369,000, against losses of £547,000 last time, in the year to June 30.

Both investment income and the profit on sales of investments were higher and the group took a dividend from Yarrow (Shipbuilders) of £750,000, compared with £1.35m. This makes, present profit of This makes c pre-tax profit of £1.8m against £1.34m. The zax charge was £310,000, against a credit of £385,000 for the

previous year.

Earnings per share dipped slightly, from 43.4p to 37.5p, but the total gross dividend still rises from 6.35p to 6.98p, the

Yarrow (Shipbuilders) and Yarrow (Training) were nationalized on July 1. Both were fully owned throughour the year, but the board has decided it would be misleading to consolidate them in the grant solidate them in the group accounts. All comparative fig-

mary of the relevant figures of

Yarrow (Training).

Preparation of the group's valuation and claim for compensation is well advanced, reports Sir Eric Yarrow, chair-

man. He tells shareholders that he does not think he is overstating the case by saying that in a normal "willing buyer, willing seller" transaction, which is not the compensation basis provided in the nationalization Act, more than 20m would be a presented by the saying to the property of the saying the saying the saying to the saying the sa reasonable price to expect for a company with outstanding recent profits, a full order book worth over £200m, an impressive future cash flow and favourable

Japanese securities set record

Three major securities com panies in Japan have announced record net profits for the year ended September 30 boosted by strong increases in commis-sions from securities sales as stock market activity was high. Nomura Securities Company, the largest in Japan, said that net profit rose by 43.1 per cent to a record 35,100m yen (about £78m) from 24,500m yen a year earlier. Turnover was up 16.3

International

Nikko Securities Company said that its net profit for the same period rose 41 per cent to a record 24,200m yen. Sales totalled a record 125,500m yen, up 18 per cent Yamaichi Securities Company said its net profit in the year jumped by 110.6 per cent to a record 12,400m yen from 5,900m yen. Revenues rose by 29.6 per cent to a record 95.000m yen from 73.300m yen.

Générale Occidentale Générale Occidentale, the French master commany of Sir James Goldsmith has shown portfolio revenues and other income of 20.5m francs (about 52.36m) in first quarter of the

Mr A. S. Watts is to become chalcenary of Beidon International on January 1. Mr J. R. K. Buckley and Mr G. Balstead will become joint managing directors. Because of ill-health, Mr W. Hutchinson will retire from the positions with Bridon Wire and its associated companies, on December 31. He will remain a director of Bridon Limited until March 31. Mr J. W. Naylor will be managing director of Bridon Wire from January 1 in addition to his present responsibilities. Mr R. Elkington will leave his present posts with Bridon Wire and associated companies on December 31 and retire from the board of Bridon Limited on March 31. Mr R. J. Simpson will retire from the Bridon Limited board on December 31.

Mr Paul Lewis is Thomse year ending June 30. Deutsche Shell drop Third quarter earnings of Deutsche Shell averaged DM20.35 per ton of oil below those of the similar period last the similar pe vear, indicating a probable overall loss for 1977, the group says. No total figures for third quarter earnings were given. Losses in the third quarter were DM18.63 per ton of oil. In the first three quarters, losses amounted to DM18.23

Stock markets

Engineers join firemen in dousing shares

There was no repeat of last the insurance sector by surprise 2p to 154p for Comet Radio.

week's performance at the sizet and cast a shadow over the section oils BP reacted from its of the new account as equities tor. The shares themselves fell back on industrial warries closed 14p lower at 140p with and trade figures which were Royal, due to report today, 30p Initially weak on the implica-

tions of the firemen's strike, ance, down 33p to 578p, Gen-prices made a partial recovery eral Accident 12p to 240p, in mid-session in front of the Pearl 8p to 258p and Guardian trade news. But when this failed to please drifted off again and the FT Index, 4.2 lower at 3 pm, closed a further half a point lower at 496.7, a net loss of 4.7. Dealers said the prospect of 2 guideline breaking pay claim from the engineers and further evidence of stagment industrial production did nothing to lift

Rumours of a bid for Eva Industries are growing. The group recently took over Robert Stockfis, purt of the Robert Stockiss, part of the Central and Sherwood stable, but Eva's 20 ner cent stake-holders. Anglo Indonesian Plantations were not in favour of the bid. Could Anglo be wishing to take full control or does it wish to sett on? At 91p Eva's shares are near the high for the year.

the general sentiment though

they emphasized that there was little read selling pressure. There was also some disap-pointment at the trade figures in the Government bond market where short dates ended about one eighth off and longer matu-rities shed up to one quarter. The massive £75m rights issue

off at 395p. Others to come under pressure were Sun Alli-

Royal Exchange 12p to 250p. In electricals comment on figures due soon clipped 7p to 258p from GEC. But news of an approach lifted Cohen Brothers 7p to 45p while com-ment lifted Electrocomponents, another speculative counter, 20p to 340p. Elsewhere in the sector consumer considerations were good for rises of 4p to 142p for Henry Wigfall and of

recent gains which have stemmed from a strong United States demand. The shares dipped 4p to 910p, but Shell managed a rise of 3p to 576p and Berry Wiggins still drew strength from its rie deal firming another 4p to 43p in spite

of a two-way trade.

News of cider price rises
lifted H. P. Bulmer 2p to 137p but the sale of certain interests to the Imperial Group lowered Associated Fisheries a penny to 52p. Mowless gave up some of its recent gains, losing 6p to 130p, while Trafford Carpets slumped 10p to 35p waiting for further takeover news. Still reflecting last week's

Latest results

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Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the pre-tax and earnings are not. a Forecast. b Cents.

lower profits slumo and divi-dend setback Staffex was the most active counter of the day in retreat with losses of session losing no less than 7p for a close of 12p.

But the speculative Flight Refuelling sprang to life again closing at 118p while favourable comment was good for gains in Thos Jourdan 8p to 40p. Inveresk 5p to 82p and York Trailer 2p to 71o. For the reverse reason English China Clays slipped 3p to 88p.

News of steel cutbacks clipped 3p to 11p from Cabcock & Wilcox while GKN also came under pressure closing 12p down to 276p. In front of figures George Eassett rose 6p to 147p but elsewhere in foodn Wheatsheaf dipped 2p to 218p,

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Business News div

The clearing banks spent the day in retrest with losses of Sp frum Barclays at 340p and Lloyds and National West-minster both at 280p. In properties recovery hopes and asset values continued to spark life into Imry which featured in an otherwise dull sector with a gain which stretched to 29p to 307p at one stage.

In spite of a bullish broker's comment it was reported that up to 400,000 British Home Stores shares went through the market at 215.25p. The seller was said to be an institution lightening its portiolio and the shares closed Mp lower at 222p.

Doubled profits lifted David Dixon 4p to 60p while another to benefit from a statement was Yarrow which ended 6p to the good at 246p. Concentric firemd

good at 240p. Concentric fremd a penny to 42p, but Woodworth held steady at 621p in from of figures due later this week. Lethargic conditions per-sisted after hours with both leading equities and gilts con-ting to than little ruspones. Equity turnover on November 11 was £112.500 (19.567 bargains). Active stocks yesternay, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Stocket, ICI, EAT Dfd, Commercial Union, Shell, Reed International, Inverest, CKN, De La Rue, BP ordinary, Unilever, Vickers, Berry Wingins, Midland, Lloyds, Electrocomponents, and Royal Insurance.

Commercial Union

Assurance Company Limited

The Roard announces estimated and unaudited profits for the 9 months to 30th September 1977 of £42.3m (1976 £16.7m) after

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	(49.8)	(59.8)
	(18.8)	(24.7)
66.7		47.3
(24.4)	(11.3)	(17.2)
42.3	16.7	30.1
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12.47p	5.33p	9.64p
£444m	£317m	£359m
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		(26.8)
		(4.7)
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		(17.4)
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The results of the Company's overseas operations have, as usual, been converted at rates of exchange at the close of the periods reported above. The effect of the rise in the value of sterling between 30th September 1977 and 7th November 1977 is estimated to reduce Profit Attributable to Sharcholders of £42.3m, for the 9 months, by approximately £0.8m.

World-wide premium income shows a reduction of 200. However after allowing for changes in rates of exchange and the effect of the age of the Austrian and German companies during 1977, the growth in our premium income was approximately 7%.

In the United Kingdom the underwriting result is after taking credit for a further £1.1m, making £3.3m for the year to date, arising from the change made this year in the method of calculating unearned premium provisions. There has been some improvement in underwriting results during the 3rd Quarter, particularly in the Motor and King classes.

In the United States the underwriting experience continues to improve in all major classes and an underwriting profit was made in the 3rd Quarter. The statutory operating ratio for the 9 months to 30th September 1977 was 101.2°, compared with 106.9°, for the same period last year and 104.3°, for the 6 months to 30 june 1977. Underwriting results in Australia continue to be profitable, but the market conditions are becoming increasingly difficult. The Canadian underwriting results, which include a provision for the estimated effect of current regulations of the Anti-Inflation Board, are profitable, due mainly to improve experience in the Motor and Fire classes. In Western Europe the poor results are largely due to underwriting losses in the Netherlands arising from inadequate rates for Motor business and this unsatisfactory position, which is common to insurers in that country, is unlikely to change in the immediate future.

The increase in investment income reflects a growth in funds scullable for investment, and from 1st April includes earnings of approximately £1.8m before tax in respect of Estates House Investment. Trust Limited. Income from the Austrian and German companies sold variler this year has been excluded. For the same period of 1976 this amounted to £1.2m

this amounted to £1.2m

The Company has reviewed its deferred taxation accounting policies in the light of the proposed statement of standard accounting practice (ED19) is used by the Accounting Standards Committee. In concurrence with the Company's auditors, it has been decided that the adoption of the principles contained in ED19 gives a more realistic view of the Company's financial position, and it also brings our practice more into line with the insurance industry. The accounts for the year 1977 will therefore be prepared on this basis. The approximate effects of this change on the 9 months figures shown above would be to increase the Profit Attributable to Shareholders from £42.3m to approximately £47m and the Shareholders' Funds from £444m to approximately £134m. It is emphasized that the fux charge for the 9 months to 30th September 1977 on the new basis cannot necessarily be taken as a reliable guide for the year as a whole, or for subsequent accounting periods. Similarly, the addition to Shareholders' Funds shown above as at 30th September 1977 attributable to the change in the basis of deferred taxation will differ at the year end depending upon movements in the value of investments and other circumstances prevailing at the time.

As announced on 14th November 1977, the Company proposes to

As announced on 14th November 1977, the Company proposes to raise approximately £73.8m. after expenses, by the issue of 58,719,834 new Ordinary Shares of 25p each by way of rights. The new Shares are being offered to Ordinary Shareholders at a price of 1300 per share on the basis of one new Ordinary Share for every six Ordinary Shares of 25p each field on the register at the close of business on 8th November 1977.

On the assumption that there are no changes in the relevant rates of taxation or in government restrictions on dividends, the Board intends, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, to recommend, in respect of the year ending 31st December 1977, a final dividend of 5,051p per Ordinary Share, to be paid on the Ordinary Share capital as increased by the rights issue. The effect of this is set out below:

1976	Net dividend pence per Share	Approximate dividend including imputed last credit pence per Share
Tural rate of dividend tincluding additional amount following change		
in basic rate of income tax)	6.912	10,531
1977		
Interim	2.564	3.885
Proposed final	5.081	7.698
Proposed total rate of dividend	7.645	11 293
Proposed total rate of dividend	7.643	11.303
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The proposed total rate of dividend provides a gross yield of 8.91 per cent at the issue price of the new Ordinary Shares and represents an increase of 10 per cent on the total rate of dividend (including the imputed tax credit) payable in respect of the year ended 31st December 1976.

14th November 1977

Insure with Commercial Union Assurance 1



First payment in years from Eng & Overseas

By Michael Clark

English & Overseas Investments, in publishing, fine art and containers for carrying cement and so on, is to pay its first dividend in four years.

In the six months to September 30, English & Overseas, the former John Bloom company, has recorded pre-tax profits of £147,000 compared with £25,000. Turnover rose from £1.7m to Furnover rose from £1.7m to £2.3m and earnings a share were 1.36p against 0.25p. The directors have therefore recom-

mended an interim dividend of 0.53p gross. The group now seems poised for strong organic growth. Both the publishing and dry bulking interests are in the midst of expansion programmes at home and abroad and the forecasts made by Mr Colin Jeffries, chairmen, are increasingly being realized. There is every indication that the recovery in profitability will be main-

black with pre-tax profits £184,000 against a loss of

Company Sales
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Bishopsgle Plat (1) — (—)
Bryconrt Inv (F) — (—)
Cariton Inds (I) 44.2(35.2)
Clydesdale Inv (F) — (—)
Comben Gp (I) 10.7(8.2)
Comm Union (I) — (—)
Concentric (F) 31.5(21.2)
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Imp Platinum (Q) —(—)
Inversordon D (1) 6.9(4.5)

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In spite of tough trading the business of the group has continued to expand during the first six months.

The two main trading com-panies Athena International and Metalair have continued to prosper and show every indi-cation of maintaining their upward trend

Athena · International. Britsin's largest fine art publisher, has increased its turnover by 35 per cent on the same period last year, recording total sales of £13m including its European subsidiaries. The seasonal aspect of the publisher industrial recording strongly and try is now showing strongly and the second half figures should show a significant improvement

The group's other trading sub-sidiary Metalair is the largest maker of dry bulking equip-ment in the country and has consolidated the dramatic im-Last year E & O returned to provement shown last year.

The audited accounts of Yarrow (Shipbuilders) will be reproduced in full as a note on

god Scorrich and Continental Investment Company had a mixed year to August 31. On the one hand it doubled the dividend; on the other it saw assets a share drop from 69.3p

to 67.8p.

The trust invests largely in Europe and North America and during the year under review the best plan was to have had only Japanese stocks. Stock market indices in Japan rose 15 per cent.

per cent.
Germany managed a 4.2 per cent gain but down went Holland (by nearly 6 per cent, the United States, by 6 per cent, and France by as much as 15 per cent). The fall in the investment currency premium of

Carlton Industries, an off-shoot of London Merchant Secu-

shoot of London Merchant Securities, has turned in pre-tax profits of £4.4m for the six months to September 30 last against £3.2m. Turnover rose by just over a fifth from £35.2m to £44.2m.

All three major divisions went ahead Mr Leon Roydon, chairman, reports that order books are now substantially higher than at the beginning of the period.

This contidence was under-

the period.

This confidence was underlined in the market where shares rose 2p to 154p.

The half-time dividend has been hoisted by a third to 3p gross and the directors promise a similar increase at the end of

the year if legislation permits. This would give a total of 9.8p for the 12 mouths.

Business appointments

Mr Paul Lewis is finance director-designate of Bestobell from January 1. He will succeed Mr John Taylor when he retires in May. Mr Lewis joins Bestobell from British Leyland where he has been finance director of Leyland learn intercrutical.

and International.

Mr B. H. Kent is to join the

During the year the group whittled down the number of companies wherein it invests from 77 to 61, disposed of small stakes in Switzerland, Denmark and Spain. and hoisted the per-centage holding in the United States, from 13.42 per cent to

21.19 per cent.
Mr J. A. Lumsden, chairman,
and his colleagues expect inflation to slow down more, and tion to slow down more, and the world economy to escape recession. They plan to raise the stake in the United States, deemed to be "particularly attractive", reduce the portfolio in Europe, and quite possibly take a stake (modest) in the United Kingdom which the trust does not now have.

Invergordon Dist tops up results

at Carlton Ind and more to come

six months come in the whisky division with Invergordon Dis-

tillers reporting profits of £1.2m against £800,000 last time. Sales

rose by a half to £6.9m and this increase is likely to be main-

tained.

This would give the company bumper profits of around £3.5m.

Much of the production at the largest distillery, in Invergordon, is seld for blending purposes and the increase in stocks being laid down have produced a volume upturn of around 30 percent at the Carlton subsidiary.

Bottled whisty sales in the United Kingdom have not been too buoyant, but export sales

too buoyant, but export sales are increasing by around 10 per

However, Invergordon's com-pany secretary Mr K. Pindell fears that there may be a hiccup

FitzRoy, Girector; Mr R. Pooley, managing director, Buxted Poultry; Mr P. B. Furness, managing director, Nitrovit; Mr M. J. Rush, managing director, Ross Poultry Great Britain; Mr R. W. McCammond, managing director, Ross Poultry, Ireland; Mr J. D. H. Architald, managing director, Ross Breeders; Mr G. H. Edmonds, director, accounts consolidation, and company secretary; Mr N. W. Simpson, personnel director; Mr T. J. S. Flynn, Mr J. W. Sall-bury, Mr A. L. P. Smith and Mr D. W. Garland, directors.

directors.
Mr H. B. Pirie, chairman and

cent a year.

Changes at the top for Bridon Group

Mr Jessel's failure at M James

Coventry-based Maurice James Industries, now making a 25p-a-share cash offer for George Doland, has completed

George Doland, has completed the takeover of Caspar Jack. This is a clothing import business privately owned by Mr Ian Gravener, a joint managing director of Doland.

The price was £100,000, with a further £100,000 based on profit performance. Caspar is expected to contribute "substantially" to James's profits. Mr Gravener has supported the James' bid for Doland, together with all the Doland directors, except for Mr Oliver gether with all the Doland directors, except for Mr Oliver Jessel—who yesterday falled in his attempt to obtain a Righ Court injunction to bolt the sale of Caspar to James James' offer for Doland is open until November 25. To date, it has attracted the support of 44.5 per cent of the Doland shareholdings.

In the Righ Court, Mr Justice Browns-Wilkinson said he would have granted a temporary injunction to stop the takeovar,

junction to stop the takeover, but for Mr Jessel's unwillingness to give a cross-undertaking in damages.

The undertaking so would have covered not

Maurice James, but also Caspar Maurice James, but also Caspar Jack and its controlling share-holder, Mr Gravener.

Yesterday's application arose out of the boardroom disagreement at Doland, which is a menswear group. Since early August, said Mr Hesiop, Doland had been trying to acquire Caspar, which imports men's suits from Poland. Doland's directors include Mr Jessel. Mr directors include Mr Jessel, Mr Leonard Maurice James and Mr

Gravener. Mr Jessel alleged that Mr Jessel alleged that Mr James was in breach of his fiduciary duty as a Doland director in going behind the board's back to arrange a deal between his own company and

18 months. Cash flow problems among the blenders, resulting

in a past decreese in stocks being laid lown, could mean a

carron's other two main divi-sions, bousebuilding and lead acid batteries, also raised their

profits.

board of Staveley industries in the spring as an executive director. He has been managing director of Alfa-Laval Company.

A new subsidiary of Imperial Foods is to be formed responsible for the interests of Ross Poultry and Nitrovit. This company, Ross Euxted Nitrovit, will be the holding company for five autonomous trading company will be: Mr. W. S. F. Wiley, chairman & managing director; Lord Edward Edward Boag in succession to Mr. J. K. Boag and will be succeeded by Mr. Huskinson not later. The bear appointed chairman of Thomas W. S. F. Wiley, chairman & Boag in succession to Mr. J. K. Boag and will be succeeded by Mr. Huskinson not later. Than March. March 1. Mr. J. R. Henderson continues

profits.

Estate developer and house builder Comben Group showed a slight rise from £600,000 to £641,000. But signs of an upturn in the market should see the company firishing the year shead of last time's £1.26m. The redemption of some of the company's loan stock will re-

company's losu stock will reduce borrowings by £1.8m.
The lead achi batteries side,

which includes Oldham & Son

les appointed managing director from March 1. Mr Pirle has been appointed chairman of Thomas Boag in succession to Mr J. K. Boag and will be succeeded by Mr Huskinson not later than March 1. Mr J. R. Henderson continues as managing director.

as managing director.

Following the resignation of Mr M. Bennett, Mr W. Le R. Ogier is to be appointed managing director of Britannia Life Associa-

Professor Geoffrey Allen and

Dr Joseph Gibson are to be members of the Advisory Council on Research and Development for Fuel and Power.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Appointment of Receiver to Royco subsidiary

Queen Street Trust, the banking offshoot of Royco Group, has appointed Mr Martin Spencer of Stoy Hayward and Co. as receiver and manager of Marlaheath Plastics, another Royco subsidiary.

This follows a request from Marlaheath's board. The company has been losing money and meeting further trading difficulties. Marlaheath makes plastic sheet and profile products. Its share capital of 20,000 ordinary shares is owned by a Royco subsidiary.

At October 31, Marlaheath's gross assets were about £1.25m. Sums due to Marlaheath's clearing bankers and Queen Street Trust, secured by charges on the company's assets, are about £400,000 and £660,000 respectively.

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Talks start at Cohen Bros

The shares in Manchester-based Cohen Bros (Electrical) jumped by 9p to 49p yesterday valuing the company at £2m. The news, was that a takeover bid could be on the way. An approach has been made to certain major shareholders which may lead to a general offer to shi shareholders, the board reported.

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The talks are at an early stage and shareholders must not assume that an offer will be made. Because the cheirman, Mr I. Cohen is abroad, no more talks will take place until his return at the end of this month. Cohen Bros makes lamp posts and specializes in maintaining street lights.

Pearson Longman buys US group

Pearson Longman plans to buy Wadsworth Publishing of Belmont, California. A letter of intent has been signed by both parties and Pearson Longman, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Longman group, will buy Wadsworth for \$25 a share at a total price of £13 im.

Wadsworth is one of the of college text books in the United States. The sequisition of Wadsworth represents a significant entry for Longman into the United States market. SWAN RYAN-PEMBROKE
Cash offer for Swan from Pem-bruke Inv has lapsed. Pembroke had 41.5 per cent before making offer.

Recent Issues

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THE IMPERIAL COLD STORAGE AND SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

INTERIM DIVIDEND NO 65
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Further to the notice of the
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14th November, 1977



Wall Street

New York, Nov 14.—Stocks were mostly lower amid heavy profit-taking in the blue chips. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was off 7.53 points to 838.36. It shot up a total of 27.46 points in the two prior sessions. Volume shares totalled 23,220,000 compared with 35,260,000 shares on Friday.





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Firm for much of the session, the pound reached a day's "high" of \$1.8220 before reacting to close unchanged at \$1.8150, reflecting some profit-taking after the trade surplus and the continued sluggish industrial production. In the currency basket, stering eased to 53.7 (63.8 on Friday). Although an adverse factor, the firemen's strike made no impact as it does not disrupt industry and dealers thought it will be of short duration. Turnover was on the low side.

The dollar was on a downward tack throughout, particularly during the afternoon from selling sparked off by a Japanese Research Institute forecast of an even stronger yen if Japan does not reflate. It came off the bottom after some central banks' support. Gold lost \$1.25 an ounce to close in London at \$165.375.

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amount of local authority bills. These purchases were augmented by overnight MLR loans on a small scale to four or five houses. Houses were forced to bid up to 42 per cent as they strove to make some progress during the morning. Notwithstanding the Bank assistance, the close was none too easy, and rates that had flickered down to 32 per cent were firming again in the final minutes. Books were eventually ruled off anywhere within the band of 32 per cent to 42 per cent.

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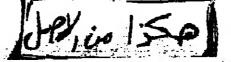


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